Steel men start work tomorrow after 13-week strike

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postwar history has The British Steel Corporation is after 13 weeks. Steelmen unlikely to resume full production for another six weeks. A new buttle over job cuts is expected.

Battle over jobs expected

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itish Steel Corporato be able to ne of its rolling actiig steel from stock in undisturbed since began on January 2. take up to six weeks giont blastfurpaces iron to the steel-be fully operational. reluctant return to re followed by a new BSC's plant closure Mr William Sits, retary of the ISTC. hat both unions have vote of "no confi-the BSC management

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20 per cent claim had burst into ISTC headquarters, occupying much of the building as their leaders wrestled with the dilemma of acceptance posed by an award from the Lever in-quiry much lower than they had hoped for.

The pickets physically ejected several inventions making in

several journalists waiting in the lobby, and delayed the start of the crucial joint executive meeting of the ISTC and NUB leaders. Three pickets were led away by police after turbulent scenes in the pouring rain out-side Swinton House, the ISTC headquarters in King's Cross. Steel union leaders expect that some of their members will refuse to turn up for work, but once the value of the package negotiated with ISC manage-ment after the Lever inquiry is

appreciated they are confident of a return to work by early next week. Some union members engaged on picketing duties are dispersed as far apart as Wick in the north of Scotland and Topsham, Devon, in the search for "unauthor-ized" landings of steel products designed to beat the union blockade.

Addressing the press lost night after the marathen dispute. Mr Sirs gave details of the votes and calculated the value of ESC's offer at 11 per cent across the board plus 4.95 per cent on productivity bonuses. On top of that there was a further 1 per cent on pensions and holidays, and he disclosed that steelworkers will get a £50 lump sum as soon as they go back as an advance sum payment for productivity

The unions are also drawing some comfort from a disclosure during the Lever inquiry hearing that the productivity bonuses will be paid as soon as an agreement is reached at local level—whether the actual in-crease in output is achieved or

The unions regard the outout" of the union's strike as an honograble draw

rather than a defeat. They have conceded BSC's insistence that much of their wage rises must

much of their wage rises must come from locally determined productivity improvements, but they point to a shift from 2 percent to 11 per cent in the general increase that all the 135,000 strikers will get as proof that the stoppage was worth the sacrifice.

Mr Sire said last night. "I Mr Sire said last night: "I am tremendously proud of the qualities that have emerged among iron and steel workers. They have been tremendous in their attitudes. I have been very proud to lead them in this

struggle, in which we have achieved tremendous progress.

I would hope in the forth-coming battle over jobs we can produce the same degree of determination—nor only that, there all the orientations. I hope all the other unions can show the same determination and engage in the battle that is to come on jobs.
"We have become the most

"We have become the most battle-hardened and experienced union in this country. We have been able to create an administration and procedures that are second to none. I do not think any other industry can have had to cover the same number of outlets that we have covered. While steel has been coming in to the country, a tremendous amount has been kept out."

Mr Sirs predicted that some small pockets of his members

small pockets of his members would not be prepared to accept the settlement. Some people will be disgruntled. They have been on picket lines in foul weather looking for a victory of 20 per cent without strings, but they should not be disneartened." He evaluated the full agree-

ment at practically 18 per cent, when all its elements were taken into consideration. "Our people will never again be treated by any employer in the way we were being treated. While they may feel disgruntled now, when they get the benefits, they will feel the struggle was worthwhile."

Mr Bani-Sadr's promise on American hostages regarded as a positive ste

President Carter postpones new sanctions against Iran

From David Cross
Washington, April 1
President Carter announced today that he has decided to defer the introduction of new sanctions against Iran in response te Iranian promises that the 50 American hostages would shortly be transferred to the custody of the Iranian Govern-

In a well-received speech to a group of construction workers' leaders. Mr Carter described the undertaking given by President Bani-Sadr of Iran as a positive step. If the transfer took olace the United States would post-pone new sanctions but would continue existing ones, he

Mr Carter said that he wan-ted to "set the record straight" on Iranian claims that he had sent a message to the Iranians allegedly apologizing for past mistakes by Washington in its relationship with the deposed Shah and expressing sympathy for the militants holding the American hostages,
"No one in the Government of the United States has apologized to anyone in Iran and the

reason is that we have nothing reason is that we have nothing reapologize about "Mr Carter said. "Nor have we condoned or expressed understanding or approval of the science of the hostages, nor will we ever con-done the seizing of our people in Iran," he added to loud and sustained applause from his

The Administration had been



President Bani-Sadr, right, with Ayatollab Khomeini's son at a Tehran rally.

response to the crisis with Iran", Mr Carter said. The United States placed a high vidue on human life and persona) freedom. It was not a sign of weakness when a power-ful nation like the United States

restrained and patient in its exercised patience in an effort a 5 am meeting with his foreign esponse to the crisis with to preserve human lives, he policy and national security ran.", Mr Carter said. The added. He promised that he advisers today. Two hours later he met reporters in the Oval Office of the White House to and his Administration would continue to work incessantly for the earliest possible release of answer their questions.
The President conceded the hostages. The President conceded Mr Carter's decision followed there was no guarantee that the

from their incarceration in the Auerican embassy to the custody of the Iranian Govern-ment. "The President of Iran has unnounced that it will be done", he said. "The best done", he said. "The best assumption now is that the hostages will indeed be transfered to the care and protection of the Government itself." A response to questions, Mr

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A response to questions, Mr Carte also made it clear that existing anctions, like the freeze of Irania assets, would continue until the hostages returned home safely. But he side stepped other questions about whether the Administration would heed resident Bani-Sadr's call to cease any "propaganda, agitation or other hostile actions" against Iran until the Iranian Parliament can the on the fate of the bostages. the fate of the hostages.

Mr Carter would say only that he "would like to see these positive developments continue and our foremost consideration and our constant effort will be devoted to the earliest possible release of the hostages and their return to this country and free-

dom".

The Administration's decision to postpone the introduction of new sanctions against Iran once again followed three days of confusing developments in Washington and Tehran. The muddle stemmed from contradictory statements by American and Iranian leaders fuelled by

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Britain and EEC 'close the gap' in dispute over budget terms

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, April 1 Only about 5240m is now separating Britain from its EEC partners in the dispute over Mrs Thatcher's demand for a drastic reduction in the British contribution to the community budget, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Euro-Commission, declared

pean Commission, declared here today.

"We are talking about the equivalent of two weeks' expenditure on the Conmon Agricultural Policy." Mr Jenkins told the political affairs committee of the European Parliament. A solution to the disoute "really should be within our political graso, given goodwill and a readiness to gondwill and a readiness to come together in the interests of the community as a whole ".

In a powerful plea to member states to prevent "an will feel the struggle was essentially serious debate while."

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less and emotional recrimina-

between Britain and its EEC partners on the budget issue, British officials here said that Britain was prepared to be a "modest net contributor" to the EEC budget of up to £200m.

Allowing for the fact that Francea would have to meet about 30 per cent of the cost of any reduction in the British contribution, British sources estimate that a net contribution of this size would leave Britain slightly better off than the French That is regarded in London as reasonable given the relative wealth of the two countries. As things stand. Britain's net occupation this year is fore-dispute.

tion". Mr Jenkins urged that cast by the European Commis-the postponement of the EEC sion to be about £1,140m. This summit meeting should not be would appear to imply that a used "merely to reiterate reduction of between 1950m national positions and to score and £1,000m would be required minor debating points against to achieve the British objective.

ach other". That in turn, if Mr Jenkins
Asked to comment on Mr is right, would suggest that
Jenkins's assessment of the gap other member states are will-

ing to ffer Britain a reduction of between £750m and £800m. Commission sources said that Mr Jenkins takes a more optimistic view of the genero-sity of Britain's EEC partners than most observers in Brussels. A reduction of £600m in Britain's budget contribution is generally considered to be the upper limit for most member

It was essential, Mr Jenkins said, that the next summit, which is now expected to take place on April 27-28 in Luxembourg, should not be side tracked into exclusive pre-occupation with the budget

Children injected

against meningitis

Injections of penicillin were given to 65 children in Slea-ford. Lincolnshire, after an out-

break of meningitis killed a boy aged six and affected three

others at the same school.

Officials think the disease is

'Torture' doubt

Edward Brophy was cleared of murdering 12 people by bomb-

ing a Belfast restaurant because a judge could not be sure that

his alleged confessions had not been induced by torture. He

received a five-year sentence for being a member of the Provisional IRA

near nuclear site

Deaths of babies below the age of one doubled within a 10-mile radius of the Three Mile Island

nuclear power station in the six

months after last year's accident

there. Other babies born in the vicinity since have shown thyroid abnormalities Page \$

Debendox cleared: The Com-

unlikely to spread

in bomb trial

Judicial monitor on 'tapping' proposed

Be Fred Emery Political Editor

Claiming that no more than 467 new warrants for telephone tapping were issued last year in Great Britain (Ulster figures were withheld) the Government insisted again vesterday that authorization remains with the Home Secretary and designated ministers

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, pleading for public and Parliament "to repose their trust in ministers", rejected the idea of legislation to allow tapping warrants to become justifiable in the courts.

The only change he proposed was that a "continuous independent" check of the way the tapping procedures were being operated be monitored by a resistant morbor of the judicine.

senior member of the judiciary. The Labour Opposition greeted the Home Secretary's announcement—accompanied by a White Paper review of the practice—with some scepticism. Mr Whitelaw promised a full debate, to a challenge from Mr Wedgwood Benn.

Allegations in the New Statesman magazine in January that thousands of illegal tappings were being undertaken gave new urgency to the Home Office review. It had originated under the Labour Govern-ment after the Vice Chancellor (Sir Robert Megarry), noting the absence in a case of statu-tory backing for telephone interception, had stated that the situation "cries out for legisla-

Whitelaw did Mr not specifically deny the New Staatesman claims, and it was noted that his statement, and White Paper covered only tapping by he police, customs officers, and the Security Service (MI5) dealing with internal security. It did not cover

gence Service (MI6), for whom the Foreign Secretary is believed to issue warrants.
Nor, to the surprise of both
Labour and Conservative back-

benchers, did it cover "bug-ging" or "surveillance" by electronic or other methods. Mr Whitelaw dealt only with interception of post office telephone and postal communicaphone and postal communica-tions, and here he was cate-gorical: "Interception takes place only on the personal warrant of the Secretary of State", he said.

As for alleged "unauthorized" interception, he pointed out under various Post Office Acts that that would be illegal. It was an "important safe-guard" he claimed, that the only way they became legal was through his warrant. Mr Whitelaw conceded that

interceptions were an interference with individual freedom. However he hoped that his figures would provide "some reassurance" in the face of allegations that it was now being practised on a "vastly wider

scale".

In view of the increase in crime and terrorism over the 22 years "I believe that the figures demonstrate that the use of interception continues to be tightly controlled ".

Rowever much care he had given to the suggestion of legis-lation. Mr Whitelaw had no problem rejecting it. By definition tapping had to be carried out in secret it "cannot therefore be subject to the normal processes of parliamentary con-trol". His appeal for trust in Home Secretaries drew laughter from the Opposition backbeachers, but assent from his predecessor, Mr Merlyn Rees. White Paper, page 4 Leading article, page 17

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wur Staff mal docks strike start this morning off last night after orkers' decision to vork became known. nsport and General Union, the dockers 3, withdrew official the strike, but several areas, in-Clyde in Scotland,

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dockers this morning the 13-day strike crippled the port of our Liverpool corres-

BL's big unions pull back from stoppage

ment freely entered into is established and signed by the TGWU."

British Leyland last night pulled back from calling a strike next week in protest at the company's decision to impose unilaterally. conditions offer; but one gave a warning that it would take action if its members were disciplined for not accepting new working practices.

Leaders of the Amalgamated

Union of Engineering Workers voted unanimously to accept the 5 per cent to 10 per cent offer, which is linked to wideranging changes in working However, the Transport and General Worers' Union which

has the largest membership among the company's 86,000 manual workers, said it would "take every available step to support our members' interests should disciplinary procedures be instituted".

BL told the unions 10 days ago that after five months of

negotiations on the package, it was going to impose the deal. The company said workers returning from the Easter holiday next Tuesday would be deemed to have accepted the new flexible working arrange-

After the company's decision, the BL Cars' joint negotiating committee, which comprises shop stewards from 11 unions, called on individual executives to call official strikes

from next Tuesday.

The TGWU did not go that far; but Mr Grenville Hawley.

union nataional secretary responsible for the motor industry, said in a letter to Mr Ray Horrocks, managing director of BL Cars: "I must advise you

accepted the company's offer. He hoped "that even at this 11th hour the proposals made by the trade unions as a basis for further negotiations, in an effort to avoid possible damaging conflict taking place, would have commended themselves to

The unions had asked for 10 per cent increase across the board with the productivity proposals being referred for plant by plant negotiations. The new offer favours craftsmen, who are mainly members of the AUEW. Mr Terence Duffy, its president, said yester-day that it had been decided to accept the offer after consulting the union membership who had voted by a two-to-one ratio not

to take strike action.

He said the working practices which were being proposed by the company were no different from those operating at other car factories. "After so many months of frustration the executive of my union decided it was time to grasp the nettle",

he said. Mr Duffy said he realized the union could be "taking a calculated risk" but he hoped the company would not set "insurmountable production

targets "-The AUEW executive decision was to "instruct our members to work normally after Easter and operate the terms of the company's pack-

The union has about 23,000

Unesco man **East Berlin**

Paris, April 1

senior East A senior East German official at Unesco headquarters in Paris has disappeared while on a visit to East Berlin. His wife and daughter have gone the official is Herr Percy
Stulz, head of the cultural
heritage division of the organization. He left Paris on March ?

for a weekend visit to Berlin and was expected back at his desk the following Monday. When he failed to appear inquiries were made to the East German authorities and an official at Unesco was told that Herr Stulz had suffered a heart attack in East Berlin and had been taken to hospital

Shortly afterwards, however, Shortly atterwards, nowever, bis wife is said to have been visited in Paris by a senior diplomat at the East German Embassy who accused her of having helped somebody to escape from East Berlin to the West.

At about the same time a letter, apparently from Herr Stulz, reached an associate in Sweden, It claimed that he had been held in East Berlin after being forced to cross from the West on learning that his mother had been arrested. The letter claimed that he had also been forced to write to Unesco offering his resignation.

A colleague at Unesco claims that Herr Stulz was nervous on the evening of his departure.

Although there are no clues as to why he should be held in East Germany, the Soviet authorities were concerned at the turn of the year when a Russian section head working in Herr Stuk's department ill confer and decide that those (new working) concommendation before ditions do not apply to members of this organization until agree-

disappears in US prime rate moves to record 193%

announcement and the pressure on the Deutsche mark has been so great that the Bonn govern-

States government. This is to help cover a balance of payments gap of more than DM24,000m (S12,000m) expected this year. Japan has spent up to \$5,000m since Friday in sup-port of the yen. Page 19



Post complaints fully justified'

A highly critical report issued by the Monopolies Commission states that complaints about worsening postal deliveries are fully justified. The commission, which was asked to report on letter posts in the London area after the chaos last summer, says the Post Office's omission to use effectively its manpower resources was the direct cause of the trouble

sonal, pages 29, 30; Appointments, 18, 26, 28, 29; La crème de la crèmt, 28; Property 26, 27

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mittee on the Safety of Medicines said there is no evidence of dangerous effects from Debendox, the ante-natal drun 2 Leonard in WBC welterweight championship; Weaver takes WBC heavyweight title from Tate Obituary, page 18 Mr Stephen Barber, Professor D. M. Newitt. Elisabeth Schwiller

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HOW TO GO EAST GOING WEST.

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"Everyone round here respects

me and that's why they bring

me presents. If you don't like it, you can clear out." He did. Sovietskaya Rossia sharply "Someone from a shop would head of the whole-distribution section. It is a sudden avalanche at gifts and was under the called present whatever she was given. These she called present the pressure. It character, her health bribes ", the husband said.

"Someone from a shop would he hardly knew her. But when the system of bribes was open the gift, have a few swigs open the gift, have a few swigs and sing and drink till late evening.

And so it went on.

She was up half the night mously, some typical cases.

"Of course if a teacher has been teaching for many years, there's nowhere left in her flat to put presents. At the start of the year—a vase, on teachers' day-another wase and then more on her birthday, women's day, speech day, the end of

"You know, among parents Cantinued in page 8, col 6

Chase Manhartan Bank raised its prime lending rate to 193 per cent. Money was pouring into dollars even before the

United States interest rates ment is attempting to borrow moved to a fresh peak when the German marks from the United



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Edward Brophy, aged 39, was cleared at Belfast Crown Court they had sot been induced "by yesterday of murdering 12 torture and inhuman and people with a huge incendiary degrading treatment." Mit bomb because a judge could not Broph had alleged that detectives use his alleged confessions find not been induced by more of the confessions. mad not been induced by veried the confessions. the judge said Mr Brophy five years' imprisonment for as a "weak man" and there being a member of the Provisio- was some lack of Credibility in the had nal IRA. He is to appeal.

Mr Brophy had been accuse in the 45-day trial of the 22 Mon restaurant bombing in selfast in February, 1978, when seven men and five women disperse. The victims were at a dinner when the bomb yent off. Nearly 300 others and, many

with their clothes on fire.

Mr Brophy of Ardmonagh
Gardens, Tail Lodge, Belfast,
was also acquitted of causing
11 other explosions at nine
Liciase premises became Each business premises between February, 1976, and his arrest in September, 1978.

confessions he was alleged to have made at the Royal Ulster Constabulary holding centre at Castlereagh, near Belfast, were not admissible as evidence.

in pregnancy, causes congenital his allegations. But he maintained a remarkable conabnormalities. sistency, and medical evidence showed signs of ill-treatment, akhough many of his allegations

were not borne out. Boy shot dead: A boy aged 16 was shot dead by soldiers and two other teenagers were injured on Monday night when they crashed a car through an army check-point in west

According to police, the youths were in a stolen Ford Paul Moan, aged 16, Mr Justice Kelly ruled that Andersonstown, was found in the car with a boy aged 15, who was later reported to be seriously ill with gunshot wounds. A third boy received

UDR boost for border

From Christopher Thomas Belfast

burden of its demanding com-mitment in Northern Ireland hy building up the strength and effectiveness of the locally recruited Ulster Defence Regi-

The aim is to release more regular troops for deployment within Nato, as well as to shift seme of the manpower emphasis from Belfast and Londenderry to the sprawling and critically undermanned border

The UDR, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary, has assumed direct military responsibility for the caged in central areas of Belfast, and is in "first line" support of the police in the southern half of co Londonderry. In both cases it is dealing directly with

A further 350 UDR soldiers are to be made available by recruiting 175 full-timers and closing five of the 41 bases in on efficiency drive. The regiment has 4.900 part-timers and 2.529 permanent soldiers, most of them "loyalists". There will be no redundances or loss of rank among full-time soldiers because of the closures, and part-timers will be able to move

to other companies. The increasing dependence on the UDR is emphasized by the non-replacement of a three-company unit which left Belfast in February. That reduced the number of battalions in the city

from three to two, leaving 1,000 regular soldiers, compared with about 1,400.

The military emphasis in Belfast remains paramount, but advances in technology have nelped to reduce the number of soldiers needed in the streets. Some of the bombproof observation posts dotted around the city contain up-to-date surveillance equipment, which helps the Army to keep to the minimum the number of men in vulnerable positions.

That use of technology has been a key reason why more of the manpower emphasis can be placed on border areas. Sealing the border is all but impossible, but any increased activity improves the prospect of a redhanded arrest or an arms find. All but a fraction of the ex-plosives and weapons used in Northern Ireland are smuggled

over the hundreds of border crossings in more than 300 miles of countryside Previous attempts to seal off some of the crossings have failed, and there is little military support for a further attempt. The number of helicopter flying hours allowed on the

border has been increased and the Army has authority to cross for a limited distance into the republic's air space if it is in hot pursuit " The Army has 7.625 men in

Ulster on two-year tours in six 4,731 roulement forces on tour for four months. That total of 12,356 compares with 12,980 a year ago.

Correction

In the penvitimate paragraph of the Whitehall brief article yester-day the word "foi" was inadver-tently omitted from the following scattence: "The safeguard is the media members of the committee, the press'

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The BBC's general advisory council yesterday recommended that there should be an incrrease in the licence fee before the end of this year. The council emphasized that the BBC was an efficient body.

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Pregnancy drug safe, watchdog body says

By Annabel Februman Health Services Correspondent Letters are being sent to 25,000 doctors today telling them that the Committee on the Safety of Medicines has found, for the third time, that there is no evidence to show the the drug Debendon, takes

They are being sent by Richardson-Merrell, the manu-facturers of the drug, because of the virtual collapse in the sales of the drug after a court case in Orlando, Florida, which found that the drug had cause birth defects in a boy.

The committee was asked to review the safety of the drug in February by Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister of Bealth, because of public concern about, it. It had been reviewed twice before, in 1978 and 1979, and both times found safe.

The committee completed its review on Thursday and said it saw no reason to revoke or suspend the licence of the product or to take, any other action to restrict its availability.

Dr Harry Masheter, medical director of Richardson-Merrell, said yesterday that because of the publicity surrounding the case women all over the counwere refusing prescriptions

Yet 3,500,000 pregnant women in Britain had taken the drug for nausea during the past 20 years and long-term studies had shown that the level of abnormalities among their babies was the same as in the population as a whole, that is, 2 per cent,

From Donald McIntyre

The union which represent

technical, research, and engi-

neering staff in power supply

yesterday voted to keep its options open on the Government's controversial plans to build a pressurized water reactor (PWR) until exhaustive

tests have shown whether it would be safe.

The Electrical Power Engi-

neers' Association, which has

launched a propaganda drive to

counteract what it sees as the growing effectiveness of anti-

nuclear campaigns, decisively supported ministerial proposals

to expand the nuclear energy

programme over the next 10

It did so in a resolution accepting that "if successful, a

PWR built to British nuclear,

safety standards would give the United Kingdom the advantage

of a choice of nuclear station type for future development". The resolution added, how-

ever, that "it would be wise

Labour Reporter

Llandudno

'Now we must fight for survival', Sir Keith steals Sir Charles Villiers emphasizes Mr Silkin's gloom

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Customers of British Steel heaved a sigh of relief yester-day as news emerged of the steelworkers decision to accept the 16 per cent pay rise. recommendation.

Although generally industry has managed to survive the effects of the strike, there were growing fears last week that layoffs, would have begun to increase considerably had the stoppese continued into the middle of this month.

Concern about the effects of

the stoppage was voiced last night by Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation and the British Iron and Steel Consumers Council, the industry's watchdog organization. Sir Charles said: "At last

to fight for survival. We need

Kettering
Miss Margaret Coleman, a

British Steel Corporation tele-phonist, took her life because of

debts caused by the national steel strike, an inquest at Ket-tering, Northamptonshire, was told yesterday. She was found

drowned in the bath ar her

Miss Coleman, aged 42, re-ceived only £10 in hardship

money and food vouchers worth: £2 during the strike. She owed

Her half-sister, Mrs Mary Powell, from New Malden, Sur-

rey, said that Miss Coleman's pride was affected when she

on the safety case for a British PWR before firm positions are

taken up for or against a

Senior officers of the in-

fluentially pronuclear union

are concerned at the Govern-

ment's decision to refer the plan to build two Advanced Gas

it strongly supports, to the Coneral Policy Review Staff

(the "think tank") in case the Government decides to post-pone the AGR programme on

Mr John Ashford, a senior

search ofifcer at the Berkeley

Nuclear Laboratory, told the

union's conference yesterday

that he was concerned that gov-

ernment pressures might be brought to delay or cancel the

commitment to instal the AGRs.

That would 'do great harm to the industry's credibility by

being seen to respond overtly

ment's decision in principle to instal a PWR, which would

He added that the Govern-

to political demands

for everyone to wait until the allow an objective assessment Nuclear Justallations Inspect of its relative effectiveness, was

executive member and

Cooled Reactors (AGRs) which

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Power union to keep open

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mind on nuclear choice

ome in Corby on February 20

an overdose of

need us, that is one of the most cent share of the United Kingimportant lessons of the strike." The message was underlined by Mr John Safford; director of the BRISC, who said that it was important that BSC managed a smooth return to normal working and winning back its lost share of the mar-

One of the first effects will be to free the large volumes of imported steel that have been spanded on quaysides up and down the country and subject to blacking by transport and railviay unions. The total is estimated at well over 300,000 fonnes, equivalent to about a month's normal steel imports.

The release of that steel for industry will provide a relief to customers and smckbolders whose stocks have been run down as the strike continued, we are back in business. But and will tide industry over until the business is at risk; we have BSC's production picks up.

BSC's production picks up.
BSC estimates that it has lost about 1 Oper cent of its 54 per

Steel strike debts led to suicide

Therapists to strike over

longer hours proposal

physiothera-

to get money from her union.
"She felt she was having to beg for it".
Mrs Powell said Miss Coleman's father had sent four pay-ments of £20 to help her, but she added: "Margaret did not touch the money because of her pride. Her father is 76 years

old and she did not want to get the family involved in the dispute.

Mr. Thomas Barrowman, branch secretary of the Iron and Trades Confederation, agreed with the coroner that this

By Our Health Services

pists and speech therapists are

to stage two one-day strikes this

month and several one-week

strikes after April 28 in protest

over the recommendations of

the Clegg comparability com-

They are bitter about the

ecommendation that they

should work longer hours or

take a cut in pay. Radiographers work 35 hours a week, physiotherapists 36 hours and

speech therapists 33 hours, but

the commission recommended that they should all work 37

The staff side of the Whitley Council, which deals with the

decided to calk or the strikes after negotiations with the

management side reached dead-

The management side has

said that no one will have to

lock on Monday.

take a wage cut.

paramedical staff,

hours.

Radiographers,

ears. I can see similar deaths to this if the strike continues." Miss Coleman was told by the Department of Health and Social Security that she did not qualify for supplementary benefit. After an appeal, she was informed that she was not entitled to benefit until March.

A finding of suicide was recorded by Mr Michael Collcutt, the corener, who said "Miss Coleman was a woman who did not want to get involved in the steel strike.

There is only one conclusion, and that is that Miss Coleman union was "wealthy", but he and that is that Miss Coleman said all its wealth was in proposed took her own life because she perty. "I was allocated only could not meet her financial perty. "I was allocated only could not meet her financial £800 to give out in hardship commitments due to the national money to 8,000 strikers. My steel strike."

Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, but have not received a raply. Holidays threatened: Holiday

makers flying from Heathrow

airport this weekend could be delayed by a ban on overtime by 2,500 ramp workers and baggage loaders in support of

The men, members of the

alleged theft from luggage.

if some of the 29 conditions attached to the package were

British Airways said: "We have not beenadvised officially

Police interview

Captain Phillips

Animals Act, 1911.

Captain Mark Phillips was in-

their pay claim.

strike began, and by the end of this year, assuming no more disruption, it will be locky to have hegained half of the share

don steel market before the

lost. Over the next few weeks a further round of negotiations over the retrenchment programme will become the focus union attention since deci sions have to be taken on the speed at which 30,000 more

jobs are due to be axed. It must have been discon-In south Wales, where the phasing out of more than 11,000 jobs at the huge plants at Port Talbot and Llanwern will be a particularly difficult issue, the Government yesterday nounced implementation of its plans to introduce measures to illeviate the impact of the steel

A big factory-building programme is being launched to

The House of Commons, accustomed to the many false

Sir Keith began with a warning that the return to monetary continence meant that a diffi cult year or two lay ahead. The squeeze on liquidity would be broadly comparable in severit to that of 1974 and 1975 and trading conditions in the short

Foreign competition would continue to be strong and interest rates were unlikely to be time. Stocks would have to be run down and profit margins. already dangerously low in real terms, would be squeezed.

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Sir Keith Joseph's gloomy message yesterday to the leaders of British industry as ne opened the last day of the debate on the Budget was to fasten their safety belts, basten the hatches and prepare for a . The only hope he rough ride during the that to the leaders of a year or two:

certing for Mr John Sillen, Labour's industry spokesman, who was preparing to launch his attack, to listen to the Secretary of State for Industry uttering many of the grim forecasts that he might have preferred to reserve for his own speech.

As Sir Kenh remarked, the novelty of the budget strategy was in its refusal to be overoptimistic; and certainly he seemed to be carrying out that policy to the letter

dawns of the Healey er, clear-ly shuddered under the cold douche of reality from the Secretary of State.

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cash flow difficult would be worst a Keith said, and said hittle, if only, fat

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supply under conir To a suggestion Michael Foot, Labo leader, that the be Government could be by going, Sir K that that prospect catastrophic if it scucession of a Lat ment.

Against that edifi Mr Silkin battled discover even wor for the nation 1 ment's industrial 🗷 based on the logic he suggested.

Unions, in selfide become like littless of the cargers of the drawbridgers warning of the risk fabric if present r continued.

The budget, Mr was dangerously diters seemed to be rudderless ship her rocks while still de the Jolly Roger. Parliamentary re

Animal protection 'will hamper surve

By George Clark Political Correspondent

The Protection of Animals (Scientific Purposes) Bill, introduced by Mr Peter Fry, Conservative MP for Wellingborough, is due to begin its committee stage at the Commons today, but has little chance of reaching the statute book.

Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday that their action, which was due to start at midnight, would cause delays. Last night five of its main Shop stewards representing critics on the standing com-mittee, Sir Nigel Fisher (King-370 baggage loaders at ter-minals 1 and 2 claimed that the ston apon Thames, Surbiton C), Mr John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C), Mr Tara Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab), Mr Edward Garrett (Wallsend, men: were working a total of 780 hours overtime a week to maintained services because of suspensions after arrests for Lab) and Mr Ray Mawby (Tomes, C) called a press con-ference at the Commons to British Airways was said to have offered 17 per cent, which the mea were willing to accept

> They said the Bill would unplace bureaucratic restrictions on, many painless experiments, such as field surveys on wildlife

Nuclear Installations Inspect of its relative effectiveness, was The paramedical staff have of the men's decision, so we are torate have issued their report a "sensible, yet cautious step". requested a meeting with Mr not able to comment".

They commented: "By its terviewed yesterday by the nature and definition, fundamental or basic research cannot police in connexion with an be calculated to lead to anything allegation that he kicked a horse during a cross-country event.

The police investigation arose from a complaint by Mrs Jean Pyke, aged 58, of Havant Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, who suggested action should be taken under the Protection of fund of knowledge of biological protection". prcesses.

"These extensions of knowledge may or may not lead to ing of new housel, mediral advances being made, and such substan There are numerous instances additives, needed in which they have done, but paration of conver

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necessarily interfere with and and on farm animals.

Clause 2, they said, allowed animals to be used for the advancement of biological science only when "it is calculated to lead to the saving or prolong-ing of life".

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kills a boy and affects three others died shortly after being ad- is unlikely he had the infection mitted to hospital. Three more children then developed symptoms of menin-

Children given penicillin after meningitis

From Frances Gibb Sleaford Lincolnshire Injections of penicillin have been given to 65 school children at the primary school in Slea-ford, Lincolnshire, where an outbreak of meningitis has tilled a how aged six and put

Many of the children, aged six and seven, were in bed when they were given the injec-tions on Monday night, after meningococcal meningitis had been contracted by four boys at the same school within a

Philip Smith, the boy who died, had joined Sleaford County Infants' School only at the beginning of last week. By Friday he became ill, and he

gitis, an inflammation of the membrages of the brain or spinal cord. The children are killed a boy aged six and put at St George's Hospital, Lin-with we three other children in hospital. Condition was said to be "fairly Norm."

comfortable " Dr Alfred Lobban, the Bedfordsbire district community physician, said that because the incubation period for the disease was about three days, it was unlikely that Philip Smith had contracted it at his school in north Bedfordshire.

He was at that school until March 20 and joined the Slea-ford school on March 24, becoming ill five days later. "It

before he left Bedfordshire " Dr Kenneth Jones, district community physician for Lincoln, who organized the injec-tions, said the decision was taken because of the rapidity taken because of the rapidity with which the disease had

Normaly in isolated cases antibiotics would be given to immediate family contacts, he said. "Because three children went down in quick succession and another has died, we thought we might be dealing with a more virulent organism than usual. We were not sure, but we did not want to take any chances."

Dr Jones said it was unlikely the disease would spread fur-

Mr Callaghan fuels left's suspicions on conference

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter Labour's leaders were sus-pected last night of being involved in a scheme to overturn a decision by the party's execu-tive to hold a special conference next month to organize opposi-tion to the Government's policies.

The left's suspicions were fed when Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, called a meeting in his Commons office yesterday morning with party officers. The outcome is that NEC members have been summoned to an unscheduled meeting next Wednesday to discuss the special party conference.

When that became known last night the official view from Mr Callaghan's office was that the leader believed that such a special conference should not be rushed and that its timing should be discussed. But some left-wing NEC mem-

Mr William Whitelaw, the

asked to ensure that the police

return documents taken from

investigation of arson at holiday

In a letter the chairman of

the party's Merthyr Tydfil branch, Mr Blethyn Hancock, said police raided the homes

of at least four prospective

parliamentary, candidates and

his branch secretary.

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Secretary, has been

Cymru members during

bers believe that the real intention is to get the special conference decision reversed by the national executive, because the leadership does not want party policy decisions taken so early.

Those suspicions were fuelled again later when it became known that Mr Clive Jenkins announced yesterday that his nion, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs had asked that with-drawal from the EEC and import controls should appear on the agenda.

The original proposal for a special conference came from Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' But it is believed that since

then other union leaders have been expressing their borror to Mr Callaghan at the prospect of a special conference which could be controlled by the left

Party's protest Go-ahead for at Welsh raids speed record

The Lake District special planning board agreed at a meeting in Kendal yesterday to allow the world water speed record attempt to go ahead on Coniston, provided Mr Tony Fahey, of Manchester, gets the other permissions he needs under the new Coniston by-laws from the Royal Yachting Association and the Union Internationale Motonautique.

7.36 pm Moon sets Last Quarter: April 8.

Last Quarter: April 8.
Lighting up: 8.6 pm to 6.1 am.
High water: London Bridge. 3.51
am, 7.0m; 4.8 pm, 7.1m. Avonmouth, 9.21 am, 12.9m; 9.37 pm,
13.0m. Dover, 12.57 am, 6.4m; 1.8
pm, 6.3m. Hull, 8.16 am, 7.1m;
8.20 pm, 7.2m. Liverpool, 1.7 am,
9.0m; 1.17 pm, 9.0m.
Lft = 6.3048m lm = 3.2808ft. 1m = 3.2808ft. 1ft≈0,3048m. A ridge of high pressure will build over W areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE. Central S, Central N. N England, Midlands: Cloudy in places, sunny intervals develop-ing isolated showers; wind W or NW, moderate; max temp 12°C

East Auglia, E England: Scat-tered showers at first, sunny in-tervals: wind NW, fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F). Channel Islands, SW Scotland,

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Moray First, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and showers, heavy in places, wintry over higher ground; wind W, veering NW, strong to gale; max temp 6° 10 8°C (43° to 46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Fideral Mortill dry with Friday: Mostly dry with some sunshine, but NW will be more

cloudy on Friday with some rain; Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NW, strong,

decreasing to moderate; sea very rough, becoming slight. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



London: Temp: ms pm, 14°C (57°F); 1 7 am, 10°C (50°F).
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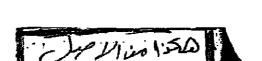
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Affairs Correspondent ity emergency planning s, whose job is to prepare efence plans, are making minute attempt to perthe Government to revise

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believe is review of sence will perpetuate the of planning from the at local level, where lives be savcd.

1. B. Stinchcombe, presif the County Emergency ng Officers' Society, told imes: "One somerimes the opinion that the ment's home desence is to protect Government t the people".

officers say that the ment has been unwilling fer with representatives | authorities to prepare stic national policy that down targets to be d. The Government has ans of knowing what is ing locally and provides rate support for district ont-line job of saving

district and county ries have no proper war arters, from which to e the protection of the population. There is nother money is being iest on the provision of onal shelters for the

provided, it is from those bases that civil defence planners envisage the strands of government being picked up after a nuclear attack, which would kill largely unprotected civilians. Bur government would be impossible, according to the society, unless there were proper communications down to community level.

In a surge of public interest broughout the country, the officers are receiving unpre-cedented numbers of inquiries from people anxious to know more about how to protect them-

Mr Stinchcombe said that most officers were attending up three meetings a week in their areas at the invitation of local people to talk about

The officers are worried about what the Government's review will contain, and say that local authorities, which have the most important role in the survival and recovery of people, are being left out of the decision-

They have urged the Home Office to retain the specific grant for home defence, at present three quarters of approved expenditure, and increase it. They would welcome additional resources needed to organize and train volunteers from the community but would not wish to see a 1960s style civil defence corps revived.

onal shelters for the To avoid waste, local authoriment. ties should keep voluntary
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questions that call for the answer, 'No'. We will then try the effect of that".

to the Eskdale Hunt, has promised to attend to create suitable horn-sound effects in

an area which is closely linked

with John Peel.
The Ennerdale Defence Group

is staging its protest walk on Easter Monday. Ennerdale is preferred by the North West

Water Authority and Cumbria County Council as a source of extra water for Windscale and for the whole of the West Cum-

The lake is the only large stretch of water in the Lake

District without public motor road access, but it has a foot and bridle path round it. The merits of the two water schemes and those of a third

which would not interfere with either lake but would be substantially more expensive are still being argued by counsel at the public inquiry in White-

brian industrial belt.

Mr Bruce Parker, huntsman

ast Water defenders ll try mass shout

ver being debated to the abstraction of from Wast Water or ale Water, in the Lake , are to stage a "mass at Easter on the shore ormer, and a seven-mile walk round the latter.

"mass shout" on Sunday is designed to dvantage of the echo produced by the steep on the south-east side

Cathie Naylor, a farmer's nn Wastdale Head, who the local opposition to -posals by British Nuclear extract an extra seven gallons of water a day Windscale reprocessing yesterday tested the her own voice from Corner ", a point near 1th-western tip of the

said: "We shall try Save Wast Water 'at of our voices and see cho supports our cause. f us may pose questions rowd which we hope will

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haven, now in its tenth week.
The inquiry, which will adjourn tomorrow for the Easter recess, may continue 'Rock' collector

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corporation is anxious to he forefront of the video particularly in the fast-g videodisc field. Its division, BBC Enter-because a limited comp-st years.

understood that the BBC talking with its unions view to obtaining clearo move into that market. Sheerman fears that the s prepared to sell out to artial interests, when the rould be to increase the i fee or find an altersource of finance. corporation wants to get zence fee established on Fterm basis and to find ways for the public to

may get his 447 tapes back

Mr Terence Piggott-Sims, aged 36, a rock music enthusiast, whose tapes were said to have been seized by "bootleg" investigators, may get his collection back.

lection back.

Although Mr Justice Whitford's ruling in the High Court yesterday was in favour of most of the big recording companies and several performers who sued Mr Piggott-Sims to obtain 447 tapes, the judge refused to make an order that they should be delivered up.

The tapes will be kept by solicitors while both sides decide whether to appeal. If there is no appeal they are to be returned without being erased to Mr Piggott-Sims, of Coopers Piece, Hempstead, Holt, Norfolk.

Holt, Norfolk Mr Mark Platts-Mills, counsel for 48 plaintiffs, said: "These tapes may be of great value to the plaintiffs in their pursuit of other bootleggers.

The judge made an order prohibiting Mr Piggott-Sims from making any recordings except for his own private and domestic use. He also ordered

an inquiry on damages.

The judge said that Mr Piggow-Sims started to tape live broadcasts for his own collection and made private exchanges of tapes. "There is changes of tapes. "There is no evidence that he had been selling tapes made from record-

usicians' Union threatens ban BBC engagements

ess agreement is reached on the future of the five orchestrax three-reached previous day about a transmit my cuts, the Musicians will instruct its 41,000 ers not to accept engage-with the BBC after May

touncing that in London day, Mr John Morton, al secretary of the union, he was sure the union have the support of the i industry in its action.
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organization funded by e-payers to the extent of h in the next year should le to de something other play records. disclosed that a call had

sion due to have been made for the BBC. "They said they had decided not to do it because they were concerned about what was happening. That is the sort of sentiment to be heard all over the world."

Referring to a remark attri-buted to Mr Aubrey Singer, managing director of BBC Radio, that the BBC's light music orchestras had been music old music in old ways.
Mr Ian Wallace, president of
the Incorporated Society of Musicians, said that the BBC tended to cater for the same areas of music as the catalogues, pop and classical and nothing in between.

"A creeping paralysis has been going on for many years, the result of inexorably economizing on the music library. It was announced that the five orchestras had collected 130,000 signatures calling for

protest over milk cuts

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent More than 100 French and Belgian British law vesterday in an effort to persuade the Government to end its curbs of milk imports. They said they were not stopped as they came through the customs hall at Southampton with more than 1,000 pints of long-life milk. British regulations stipulate that such imports must be accompanied by a certificate showing that the milk is free of

cartle disease. The farmers brought their milk to London behind a banner which read "Let Britain enjoy a Normandy pinta". British law to be repacked in Britain before

sold economically. British grocers and contineutal farmers regard the rules as a shield to protect the doorstep delivery system, which has almost disappeared in most other countries. The farmers delivered a letter to 10 Downing "How can your government persist by such devious means in flouting the Treaty of Rome, which stipulates free circulation for products subject to the

Criticism of

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common agricultural policy?" culture, Fisheries and Food. M Michel Cottebrune, secre- He reminded them that "the tary-general of the French French Government, totally ille-

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Goodness

lederation of farmers' unions, gally, against a decision of the led a team of three farmers who spent half an bour exchanging accusations with Mr. Peter Walker, Minister of Agri-

A French farmer and a policeman having a tussle over a model cow in Whitehall yesterday.

"We gladly accept English lamb". M Cottebrune told reporters later. "We no not accept New Zealand lamb."
Two farmers were arrested as the increasingly restive group was pushed to the back of the

Editor calls for D-notices review

The New Statesman will publish tomorrow details of a correspondence between its editor, Mr Bruce Page, and Rear-Admiral William Ash. Secretary of the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee. parachute An American-made parachute used by a girl aged 17 who died in an accident on a Somerset beach was dangerous. It and Broadcasting Committee, about the continuing legitimacy absorbed tabree times its normal weight in water and sand, causing it to crash, it was stated at an inquest at Taumon of two D-notices urging newspapers and broadcasting organizations to refrain from publishing details about British intelligence services and govvesterday.

Mr Michael Rose, the West Somerset coroner, strongly criticized the makers, the North American Dynamics Company, who did not attend the inquest. HRe said: "I am deeply concerned about a company which sells products like this without guarantees or warranty and then washes its hands of

verdict of misadventure was returned on Sally Clark, of Lawn Road, Fishponds, Bristol, who died at Brean on December

No 10 and No 11 on British intelligence and ciphers and communications respectively.

Mr Page replied to Admiral Mr Page replied to Admiral Ash's memorandum in a letter dated March 14. He argued that a voluntary system of self-censorship might be justified in wartime. But, he continued: "It must be stressed that during the 1970s the intelligence services in many western societies have, by their actions and attitudes, lost the confidence of large sections of the public. . . Today there can be little justification for the tone of your letter—which effectively suggests that editors should feel themselves under an injunction to refrain from entering into any debate about the nature and usefulness of expensive intelligence. ernment ciphers and communi-

Admiral Ash refuses to be drawn into argument with Mr Page, telling him in a letter dated March 19, that: "Your representation of the D-Notice system is so wide of the mark that I do not think that anything would be gained by joining issue on it." Joining issue on it."

In February the New Statesman published articles by Mr Duncan Campbell on telephone rapping, the buildings and functions of MIS and MI6. On the state of the intelligence and security agencies . . . and by

those departments engaged in com-munications interception ". Mr Page criticized Admiral Ash for marking his February 11 memorandum "private and confidential". He reminded him that "many serious media broadcasting organizations were reminded in a memorandum sent by Admiral Ash of the continuing validity of D-notices organizations now give the system little or no credence".

Mr Page upbraided the members of the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee for failing to review the 12 D-notices since they were promulgated in their present form on August 16, 1971. Finally, he told Admiral Ash that the New Statesman intended to publish their correspondence.
In his reply Admiral Ash
reminded Mr Page that his

February 11 memorandum was marked "private and confiden-tial" and that the Periodical Publishers Association, of which the New Statesman is a member, is represented on the D-notice committee. Admiral Ash was unwilling last night to comment on Mr Page's deci-sion to publish

Airlines accused of huge waste of fuel

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Two airlines operating wide-bodied airliners from Gatwick on transatlantic services were wasting "a massive quantity" of fuel, a conference in London

difficulty after a fault at

of fuel was being wasted.

"The headlong pursuits of traffic at all costs, the frantic grabbing at markets which can not sustain another carrier, merely brings forward the day when nobody operates — any-

Mr Relf said there should be some seasonal discretion in the granting of licences, even an insistence by the licensing bodies that services must be restricted to three times weekly

Licences should be granted to

new airlines only when it was obvious that the service would generate extra traffic, Two years ago the Civil Avia

was told yesterday.

Mr P. J. Relf, joint chief accountant of Tradewinds Airways, told the conference, on airlines' fuel economy, that one of the lines transferred all its passengers to a rival without of the lines transferred all its more carriers. The consequence passengers to a rival without was that the capacity doubled "Since then a once prosperous and efficient segment of the Both operated daily services, and if both could carry each other's payload, a huge quantity watching the others to see whose fingers will let go first.

"When the CAA granted those new licences they were issued with the expressed intent of shaking up the market, thus allowing the most efficient operator to emerge from the mess and become the dominant United

The result of this reckless behaviour, so accurately fore-cast by us at the time, is the precise opposite".

'More baby battering' if urban aid abolished

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent Baby battering may increase in deprived inner-city areas if the urban aid programme is abolished, Mr Brian Roycroft, director of social services for Newcastle upon Type yesterday. Many exciting and innovative projects, particularly for child-ren under five, would never have started without urban aid,

In his own city, which had received about £2.3m from the programme, an experimental nursery for deprived young mothers had been established with £100,000 of urban aid money.
"It has meant fewer children

coming into care because of the support we have given to the mothers, and it has been an important preventive measure in non-accidental injury", Mr Roycroft said. "We have a high proportion

of children in care in Newcastle, but a very low incidence of baby battering. Mr Roycroft was commenting on proposals in a consultative paper from the Department of

the Environment on the future of the traditional urban programme. As was disclosed in The Times last month, the main proposals are that the pro-gramme should be abolished or devoted entirely to voluntary organizations.
The paper says the

gramme has never had a clear definition of deprivation, which has meant great flexibility in the type of scheme and area which could be supported. But the lack of clear definition complicates the selection process, which "in a period of severe public expenditure constraint, must call into question the justification for a continued central government initiative of this

Central government pays three quarters of the cost of urban programme projects; local authorities pay the rest. The urban programme began

in 1968 in response to growing concern about deprivation in inner city areas and its impact on race relations. It has always been a small programme, costing £27m in 1979-80, spread between more than 100 local

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Complaints about worsening postal deliveries are fully justified, according to a highly criti-cal report issued by the Monopolies Commission yester-

The commission was called on to report on letter posts in the service came near to collapse last summer. A separate exami-nation of the Post Office's monopoly of the letter post is

The Monopolies Commission report, which was not expected to be made public until after Easter, comes at the start of a union baliot of postal workers on staffing changes which the Post Office says it needs to im-

The commission blames the Post Office's "omission to make effective use of its manpower resources" for the deterioration in quality of service as well as a failure to "provide adequate and suitable capital resources through an earlier and more effective programme of mech-

While recommending that the monopoly should not be abolished, the commission advocates three minor modifications.
Private express delivery services operating delivery on the same day by motor cycle should be

The monopoly should be modified to establish the legality of such services to carry letters and packets as well as parcels.

A second modification should be made to allow the private operators to carry bulk bags of letters out of London and post them elsewhere. That could help to overcome bottlenecks.

The final suggestion on monopoly modifications is that docu-ment exchanges used mainly by professional people should be allowed to extend to the transdifferent places in the United

Health Services Correspondent

to provide treatment and dialysis centres for kidney patients despite generous offers

of assistance from the British

A children's kidney ward in Birmingham Children's Hospital

had been closed for seven years

despite offers from the associa-tion of £300,000 to reopen it.

The balance could not be found,

The criticism came from Mrs

the association had been told.

Elizabeth Ward, president of the association, who announced

in London the opening of what

is claimed to be the first holi-

day dialysis unit for children

The unit, which cost £48,000 and will be able to cope with

eight patients a week, is in a

holiday village in Bracklesham Bay, Sussex, run by Freshfields

in Europe.

Kidney Patients' Association.

autohrities

yesterday for failing

By Annabel Ferriman

Kidney unit schemes

rejected despite aid

letters from a lockable box and deliver nutward letters into the boxes of other subscribers.

On the general question of accountability and control, the commission believes that the present arrangements are inadequate. It considers that government control by means of financial targets alone could positively discourage efficiency hecause it could be used to being conducted by Sir Keith, justify tariff increases that Joseph, Secretary of State for might subsequently create a

> It considers that there is a need for additional performance targets, particularly for produc-tivity. Real progress will be made only if "satisfactory additional procedures to monitor progress can be introduced.".
> Reviewing the recommenda-

organizations, the commission found that very little change had resulted. "It would be disappointing" if the same fate met its own

recommendations. Ways must be found of making the management of the Post Office more accountable if that is to be

The commission found that after a steady national decline in quality of service since 1978 it had deteriorated sharply last In 1978, 90.5 per cent of first-

class letters were delivered the day after postmarking. A year later the figure had declined to 82.5 per cent, and 3.5 per cent of first-class letters were not delivered until three or more

days after postmarking.

Difficulties were even worse in London, which is the biggest of the Post Office's 10 regional administration areas. Figures mail from inner London not delivered by the second day reached 8.1 per cent last June. The record for first-class inward deliveries was rather

The commission was critical of the high margin of error in the Post Office's statistics. The There are two such private first of 45 specific recommenda-exchanges in London that pro-

Families will be provided

with a holiday chalet and their

children will undergo dialysis in the Portakabin unit three

times a week under the super-

Mrs Ward said she would like

to see all area health authorities providing such usits for holidays and in hospital

vision for kidney patients but found administrators unhelpful.

She had offered £300,000 over

three years to the Birmingham

Area Health Authority (Teach-

ing) to pay half the cost of turning an empty ward in the

Sick Children at Yorkhill, it had said it could not afford £142,000 a year to run it.

vision of a qualified nurse.

grounds.

vide an interchange service but is that the corporation should no collection, delivery or conveyance. Firms collect their and publish monthly figures of e quality of service provided each district.

It has "no hesitation" in accepting that complaints about the deterioration of the London letter service last year are "fully justified". It also had no doubts that the deterioration has significantly impaired the efficiency of the business community in inner London", or that the service in the WC and W postal districts has been par-

Much of the blame is placed on Post Office management, which is described as "in danger of losing its will to take management decisions"

Signs that that point has already struck home are apparent Post Office instructions to local managers last month, telling them to go ahead and recruit casual staff needed to fill holiday vacancies, despite a union rejection of the proposal.

Employment of seasonal staff London in the summer staff holiday season, when there is also an increase in incoming foreign mail, especially postcards, is considered essential to efficient and economic operation by the Post Office.

The commission considered that the use of more casuals would "make a major contribution to preventing a repetition of the deterioration in quality of service which occurred last summer ".

Commenting on the proposals, Sir William Barlow, the Post Office chairman, said yesterday that he hoped the report "will not be used as yet another stick for beating the Post Office

lagement. Men carrying heavy responsibility in a complex and diffi-cult situation have become somewhat weary of the succession of reports and criticism either by government bodies or by pressure groups who do not have to live and work with the e to live and work with the difficulties.

"The way forward is by win-ning the full cooperation of the workforce, and there has been some real progress

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Montgomery papers sold by rag and bone man

When William Robinson, a rag and bone man, found a sack containing documents and a belt. at the rear of a former Army officer's house he rook them to a friend, who gave him two bottles of cider, a packet of tobacco and £5, for them, it was stated at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London,

vesterdav.

The sack, however, contained copies of drafts that had been drawn up by Field Mershal Lord Montgomery of Alamein in in Nuremberg at the end of the lost war. When the friend sold them to a colleague he got £3,093 for them, it was added. The friend made an even

bigger profit when he sold the drafts and the German officer's belt at a Sotheby's auction for

Mr Robinson, aged 54, of Haggerton Street, Hackney, London, admitted stealing the drafts and the belt from the back of the house of Mr Geoffrey John Keating. Det Sergeant Michael Pendered said the drafts involved seating arrangements at Nuremberg and the method

of the German surrender. of the German surrender.

It was stated that it was after
the publicity of that sale that
Mr Keating, who had served
under Lord Montgomery and had been keeping the articles in

had been keeping the articles in the sack for protection while he cleared out his house, traced Mr Robinson through Sotheby's. Mr Anthony Chandler the magistrate, told Mr Robinson:
"I accept you had no idea of their true value" and fined him amount he had got in



Mr Keith McCarter at High Wycombe with the plaster original of his sculpture, to be cast in bronze for a building in the City of London.

Toxic waste dump prompts inquiry ca

By John Young Planning Reporter

Basildon District Council Essex, is to seek a public in-quiry into national policies for the disposal of toxic waste. It is also asking the Commons Select Committee on the Environment to investigate the

The council's action has been prompted by its continuing concera over the dumping of poisonous materials on a site at Pitsea. The site, said to be the largest of its kind in Britain, attracted national attention in March, 1975, when a lorry driver died after inhaling lethal fumes

After some argument, Essex County Council has decided to renew the disposal licence, which took effect vesterday. The owners of the site, Land Reclamation, a substituty of Rediand Pucie, had originally applied to be allowed to dump 48,000 toms of solid waste a ear and 40 million gallons of

When the county insisted on a maximum of 37,000 tons of solid and 37 million gallons of solid and armillion gallons of siquid, the company lodged an appeal, but subsequently with drew it.

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of the commuter hoped that, by m it would provide: Despite assur used as a prefex the permand.

Doubt on atom fuel tr

By Pearce Wright

A request to discuss the long-term implications of the trans-port of nuclear fuel through London has been made to the Central Electricity Generating Board by the general purposes council of the London Boroughs

It was made after a meeting of local authorities last week expressed unease about the information given so far by the board about the safety of waste nuclear fuel being sent by rail. A letter from Mr Peter Bow-

the safeguards of spilling of radioact raises doubts about ditions, when more carried after an applean powers. the nuclear powers,

among the local emergency service notified of a lead Rail and the gent

Home Office says intercepts are vital in fight against crime, terrorism and espionage,

Telephone tapping has trebled in the past 20 years 115, is not evaluated by the many of the estimates made by

More than 500 warrants for ntercepting mail and telephone calls by the police, the security services and Customs and Excise were authorized in main-land Britain last year, accord-ing to a White Paper issued vesterday by the Home Office. The paper is the first report on government-authorized telephone tapping and mail interception since the Birkett report

The White Paper reports that the police believe telephone tapping to be "an indispensable tool in the investigation and prevention of serious crime". Through intercepts the police can deploy themselves to the best advantage to collect evidence and their effectiveness

in London would be diminished by the absence of the facility.

In the past four years mil-In the past four years lions of pounds of goods have been recovered through the use of taps and thry have played a big part in operations such as the investigation after the great train robbery.

Telephone tapping is reported to have been an essential part of the Customs and Excise battle against narcotic drug smuggling. In 1978 interceptions were responsible for helping to recover 62 per cent of the heroin seized and 56 per cent of the cocaine. The successful use of war-

From David Nicholson-Lord

Liverpool A police officer said yester-

pool man who died last year in nolice custody, was dropped and

hit his head on the floor as he was taken out of a police van

after being arrested.
In the first detailed police

version of events at Huyton police station shortly before Mr Kelly died. Police Constable Paul Brophy, who was on radio

duty at the station, said a mes-

Vinen Mr Kelly was brought

into the lation he was a limp weight, the officer tald the inquest on Mr Kelly, About two

minutes later Mr Kelly turned bluey-purple". His heart had

It was ruled yesterday that

" inient drunk ".

stopped leating.

rants by the security service, White Paper, which says they

are issued as part of the fight against terrorism, subversion and espionage. The warrants are frequently used for "the prevention of acts that threaten the security of the state". The White Paper agrees with the decision of the Birkett re-

port that numbers of intercepts should not be published for Government has made an ex-ception because of "the fear thar technological changes bave made it easier to intercept telephones and that interception is now practised on a much greater scale than at the time

of the Birkett report".

The White Paper confirms to some extent the fears the Government was attempting to allay. Interceptions have risen markedly since 1957, reaching a peak in the middle 1970s, when the Provisional IRA bombing attacks in Britain were at their neaviest.

The figures show that the

emphasis has switched from mail interceptions to telephone tapping. The number of war-rants for mail intercepts has been dropping; the number for telephone tapping warrants has trebled in a straight comparison of figures for 1958 and 1979. The total number of inter-

cepts is about 500 a year. That is more than double the figure published, but is far lower than

the High Court, submitted that

every statement made by officers after June 22 last year, the day after Mr Kelly's death,

when the first internal investi-gation by Merseyside police began, was privileged.

PC Brophy said that about

five minutes after the request

for a van he received another message asking that the back door of the station should be

opened and a couple of strong men should be on hand to help

to lift someone out of the van.

There was no noise from the

the door and pulled Mr Kelly out by the shoulders, turning his body round so that some-

body else could get hold of his

Mr Kelly was dropped and hit head, Pc says

Federation and four individual officers. Mr Carman said the disclosure of confidential documents which were part of an unfinished inquiry would produce a "total breakdown" of police complaints procedures.

Mr Carman who said he was a "limp with the charge office, or struggling. He was picked up and carried into the charge office.

omplaints procedures.

Mr Carman, who said he was more an adjourn
area an adjourn
the floor in front of

various sources in recent years. The White Paper does not in-Nor does it take into account

the use of Post Office machines normally used for checking the volume of calls, which are also used to give the police and in-telligence services details of numbers called from a particular telephone. That procedure does not require a warrant. The White Paper does not dwell either on the use of sur-veillance devices, or "bugs", which are known to be used by

both the police and the security services. the use of warrants, the White Paper says they must be authorized by either the Home Secre-tary or the Secretary of State Scotland. Another Secretary

State can deputize for them they are ill or absent.

The police must assure the minister that the offence is serious, that normal methods of Ve. that an interception is likely renewal must go to the mini-

a serious crime is "an offence for which a man with no previous record could reasonably for the security service. Postal be expected to be sentenced to warrants for the Special Branch three years' imprisonment, or an offence of lesser gravity in which either a large number of people is involved or there is cations in Great good reason to apprehend the (Stationery Office, £1).

back on the floor in front of

the counter.
PC Brophy said that as they carried Mr Kelly in he heard

him make a gasping sound like a sharp intake of breath. As he lay on the floor in handcuffs he was "obviously in some physical distress", very pale,

and having great difficulty in

His handcuffs were removed

About two minutes after he

and PC Brophy, who said he was qualified in first sid. turned him half on his front

was taken out of the van Mr.

Kelly turned a bluey-purple colour. The constable felt for heart beats, heard none and struck his chest in an attempt

Ambulance men arrived soon

afterwards and attempted heart

massage and resuscitation with

Asked by Mr Gilbert Gray,

and half on his side

to start his heart.

an uxygen cylinder.

under the same requirements but in the case of the security service there must be a sub-versive, terrorist or espionage activity likely t national interest. likely to injure the The White Paper reports that

as a result of stringent criteria applied, few applications need mally made in writing. Each warrant gives the name

and address or telephone number of the person or organiza-tion concerned. On some occasions the target may have more than one address or telephone number and those are all set down on the one warrant. If a different number or

address starts to be used then a new authority must be given and in such cases the minister's permanent under-secretary of state has a delegated power to give authorization. The first warrant in each case

runs for no more than two months and any application for to lead to a conviction.

The White Paper notes that renewed for a month at a time only, the Customs and Excise only, the Customs and six months for two months and six months in London can also run for as long as six months. long as SIX mounts,
The Interception of CommuniGreat Britain

unable to hold his weight." He

agreed that from the moment he saw Mr Kelly he thought he

PC Brophy was told later by

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the Chief Constable of Mcrsey-

side, that dropping Mr Kelly had nothing to do with the cause of death. "You can be retrieved of that anxiety im-

mediately", he said. Earlier Mrs Pauline Gilbert,

who has said she saw a police officer "kicking hell" out of Mr Kelly as he was being

arrested, was cross-examined by

Mr Rankin. She agreed that she

was making a serious allegation which could put the officer's

career in jeopardy and lead to

a criminal charge.

Mr Rankin said: "You are telling this jury, are you, that you actually saw the physical

contact between the end of the least or shoe and Mr Kelly's body?"

Mrs Gilbert replied: "Yes"

She said she was appalled and disgusted by what she saw.

From her view of events Mr

was unconscious.

officer

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WARRA Telephones, LC

Whitehall staff 'emerges secure' from cuts again

present public expenditure backgrounds who could compete cuts as they had under similar for the highest posts in the exercises mounted by Labour permanent Civil Service.

governments, Dr Bernard Dead wood in Whitehall governments, Dr Bernard Donoughue, senior policy ad-viser to Sir Harold Wilson and Mr James Callaghan during their premierships, said last night.

Dr Donoughue, now develop-ment director of the Economist Intelligence Unit, said during a television interview on the BBC 1 programme, Platform One: "It seems absolutely human and understandable that if cuts are imposed, those who decide where the cuts should be implemented decide they should be on anybody else but

Central government bureou-cracy therefore, "off-loaded" the cuts first on capital projects that affected the private sector-tion on to local government and finally on to the periphery government rather than

A future Labour government would need to find a way or dealing with senior civil ser-vants who would not impose cuts on themselves. Perhaps the Cabinet should decide in detail where cuts were to be made and then call in outsiders to implement them rather than leaving it to civil servants.

the system of government, ful at introducing its own com-More our-iders should be im- promise solution."

arrested on Monday morning

By Peter Hennessy ported into Whitehall, both special advisers to assist ministraff in Whitehall departments ters and experienced people with industrial and trade union

Dead wood in Whitehall should be retired early and the most capable officials should be given departments in their early forties rather than having to wait until their fifties before being appointed permanent secretaries, The Civil Service should be smaller

Secrety was carried so far in Whitehall that the convenience of ministers and civil servants was protected and accountability reduced. "It is probable part of the

positions are protected from the consequences. Civil servants and to continue ministers carry out policies that will increase unemployment. will increase unemployment, but there will be no unemployment for them". Dr Donoughue said

Asked about Whitehall Whitehail. The practice caused artempts to thwart manifesto commitments of newly elected infrastructure. Dr Donoughue governments, he replied that Whitehall tended "towards a permanent middle". But many people were paranoid on the

absolutely convinced that knows what it wants and united in the pursuit of what it wants, it will get what it wants. The moment a government has doubts or becomes divided, the Big changes were needed in Wnitchall machine is very skil-

Chilly dipping as Brighton's nude bathing beach opens Several bathers took the abon was provided by three

warning signs. The first in the water was Mr.

plenge to celebrate the opening girls and four young men claim-of Brighton's nude buthing ing to be from the Brighton

a natural who campaigned for the beach, said from the warmth of her for coat; "I am not going in the water today for anybody." She celebrated later with champagne on the sea-

Another councillor, Mr John Blackman, was there to protest. It had taken the place of a beach where young mothers brought their children after

Mother of boys fire bound over

whose three sons died after their home was deliberately set in cause a breach of the peace.

Her husband, Thomas, also aged 34, and two other men incolved in the dispute were

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soon in Warwickshire.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, disclosed yesterday that during the fort-night of roadside checks in Nottinghamshire more than 700 vehicles were detected without valid tax discs.

a considerable road safety bene-fit. About half those detected were likely to be charged with more than a thousand other department in this."

QC, for the Kelly family, aggression New campaign is launched against car tax evaders

Correspondent

The police, supported by the Department of Transport, are to launch a second campaign against car las evaders after the success of a recent enforcement drive in Nottinghamshire. The new campaign will start

offences, including using unroadworthy vehicles with bald tyres or defective brakes.

The number of vehicles relicensed in the Nottinghamshire area had gone up significantly after the publicity given to the campaign. There had been no complaints from the public, even though some motorists were stopped several times at roadside checks during the rush hour.

Mr Fowler said: The success of the enforcement drive in Nottinghamshire makes it worthwhile undertaking He said the campaign also had similar campaigns in other parts other police forces are inter-

Lettings pl for student letting Mr Kelly slip, he re-plied: "I blame myself in that and immig I tried to hold him but was By Our Planning I

New provisions i ing Bill to enable rities, new towns associations to mak lettings available t workers and studer nounced vesterday and Construction.

The lettings will secure tenancies p fact is explained to hopes the move will tion into use and as

Ulster war not in orde so man is ti

A man held by since last Thorsday rant issued by the l Constabulary and cl with possessing expl years ago was freed Kelly was wholly innecent of Court yesterday. The court held to

tion of Stephen Will was unlawful becauthern Iroland warra been properly endmagistrate.

Mr Carlisle, aged tin Road, Ashford, granted a writ of hasecuring his release jections by the RU Kent police.

After the ruling Laws, countel for the that a properly enc rant was on its way Mr Brian Somme Carlisle had already for what amounted offence; last year l quirted in Dublin of to cause un explosion...

When he came to after that acquittal rested by Special By: tives at Liverpool. h quent order for his was revoked by i

five years to remain in England. where he has fived since 1970. Air Keltany, a Palestinian, aged 33, was told in 1975 that he would have to leave the country after he failed to notify the Department of the Environ-

Palestinian is deported

Mr Christopher Kelaany was flight to Egypt, a country he deported and put on board a has never seen.

British Airways fight to Egypt Miss Margaret Hicks, Mr. British Airways fight to Egypt vesterday. He had struggled for

Kelzany's friend, and a group from the Community Relations Office in Swindon, were at t Heathrow airport, London, to protest at Mr Keitany's deporta-

Miss Hicks said she and Mr. Kelzany and arranged to be married next week at Swindon, of ment and the Home Office Register Office. She alleged Bestitil took the pounce three test. It had take about a change of job. He was about a change of job. He was arrested on Monday morning was hurried up to prevent him degrees. It was about 43 a beach where and yesterday was put on the from marrying a Eritish subject. The highlight of the after school, he said. and yesterday was put on the from marrying a British subject.

for EEC students cut By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for under-graduates from EEC countries studying in Britain will be re-duced by 21 per cent from September and those for postgraduates will be cut by 11

per cent, it was announced

Mr Mark Carlisle, QC. Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in the Commons that all students from EEC countries on higher and further education courses in Britain would pay fees at the same level as home students from

September. nephrology and urological unit, but the authority did not think it could afford the other half.
She had offered £300,000 to the Greater Glasgow Health Board to provide a dialysis centre at the Royal Hospital for The decision applies equally to those already on courses, whose fees were due to have gone up from 5940 to 51,165 for an undergraduate and from £1,230 to £1,525 for a postgraduate; and to those embarking on courses for the first time, who would have had to pay the new full-cost fees, starting at £2,000 and rising to more than £5,000 a year.

All will pay the same rates as home students: £1,105 for a postgraduate and £740 for an undergraduate. The loss of revenue resulting from the Government's decision was expected to be about £2m, in the first year, rising to £5m in 1983 84. Mr Carlisle said.

There are about 3.000 EEC students in Britain, one third of whom come from West Ger-many. About 4,000 British students are studying in EEC countries.

The United Kingdom Council or Overseas Student Affairs velcomed the Government's long everque announcement. welcomed said, however, that it highishted the inequity of a policy . sage was received soon lifter thet could charge an engineer midmeht requesting a van for ing student from Malawi four times more than an entineering student from Denmark.

whole culture of our society. Buccaneer ban

The flying can on Buccanceaircraft imposed by the RAS after the discovery of cracks

statements made by police officers as part of last year's efter the discovery of cracks two incuiries into allegations of in their wings will not be lifted police brutality in the Huyton and the second half of May, division of Merseyside could be applied to the confidence of the confid

antil the second naif of May, division of Merseyside could get noise of his at the carliest, defence sources and the produced as evidence at the inquest because they were the was too heavy for me to hold and I was unable to support his full weight. As I held which two men died. Tests on the aircraft are continuing.

It was too heavy for me to hold and I was unable to support his full weight. As I held on to him he dropped to the floor. There was a hump as Mr.

beach resterday, despite chilly and lince Squatters' Union. A water and a biting wind. Brighton is the first large lined on with "BHSU—April report to allow node bathing near the town centre, on a 1868yard stretch of public beach, ringed by two sets of a majorial who campaigned for

Arthur Aibrow, a grandiather, aged 61, and a local plumbing instructor, who had never swum in the nude before. He said he could not tell the difference. Mr Maurice Bell, landlord if the Bell public house er

who died in Mrs Edith Hastie, aged 24,

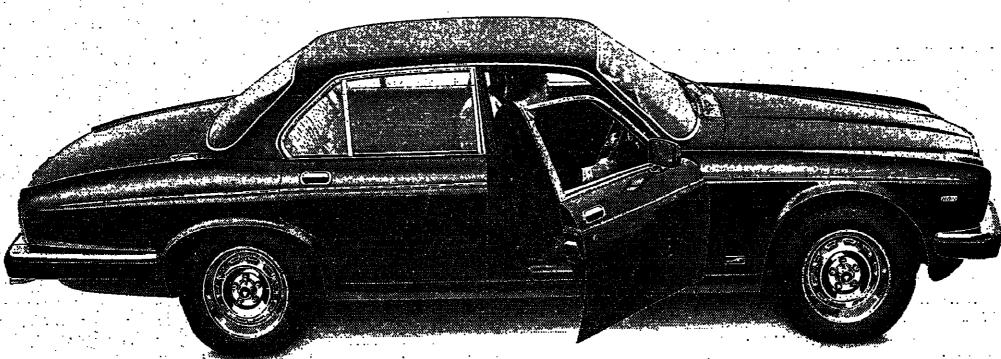
fire, consented to be bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for a year by magistrates in Hull yesterday. She was accused of behaviour likely in The prosecution said Mrs. Hastie, of Palm Court, Holl, was arrested during a neighbour-hood depute. There was a general mélée in the street

bound over three weeks ago, The hunt for the person re-sponsible for the deaths of Charles, aged 15. Paul, aged 12, and Peter, aged eight, continues.

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French left fiddles as its election hopes go up in smoke

From Charles Hargroce Paris, April 1

The French left is giving a splendid demonstration of fiddling while Rome burns, or rather while its chances in the presidential elections are going up in smoke.

After the interminable and sterile controversy as to whether M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, returned from forced labour in Germany in 1943, as he himself maintains, or in 1944 as a voluntary worker, the press is now revelling in the equally stimulating debate as to whether he first went to Moscow in 1955 as a student of the international party school, which would explain his rapid promotion in the party hierarchy, or in 1959 to atend the twenty-first congress.

The Communist Party's central committee have condemned as an assaulted leadership, Socialist voters tend to support candidates of the Government majority rather than the official Socialist Party leadership continues to back the notion of a union of the Left with the Communication Communists and a substantial part of the Socialist Party reject. The controversy has been actively fuelled by two

publications which stand very close to the Socialist Party.

The Paris daily Le Matin and the weekly news magazine both accused M Marchais of lving. He has countered with the charge that the Socialist Party wants to "make permanent the division of the Left which the permanent the division of the Left which the permanent the division of the Left which the permanent th which it has provoked and pre-pare the conditions for a winning alliance in the future with the right.

M Charles Fiterman, the secretary of the Communist Party's

Scarcely a day goes by

without some form of protest

in France against the nuclear

energy programme. The Govern-

ment, however, sustained by

opinion polls that have always

shown a good majority in

favour of nuclear power, is

determined to continue its

ambitious programme to make

France independent of imported

It is planned that by the year

2,000 up to 80 per cent of all

electricity in France will be

generated from nuclear power, with only about 10 per cent

But if that programme is to

succeed, it means that power stations will have to be built in

places like Plogoff on the

remote Pointe du Raz in Brit-

tany. To build the power stations, a site has to be found

with a good granite base for foundations and plenty of water

for cooling

Paris, April 1

energy supplies.

conference today that M Mitterarguments to weaken the Communist Party. " By outdoing the right in anti-communism, and increasing the divisions of the left, François-Mitterrand merely serves the interests of the Giscardian regime, its policy of austerity and of submission to Germany and of allegiance to

the United States," he said. It is difficult to assess the impact of the controversy on public opinion. An opinion poll published some time ago showed that a high percentage of people thought it damaged the Communist Party. The results of local by-elections in recent weeks show that the left as a whole has lost ground in

the past 18 months.

But while the Communist rank and file is on the whole closing ranks around its assaulted leadership, Socialist incapable of profiting from the Communists' difficulties. It is deeply divided as to who shall be its candidate in the presidential elections next year what kind of Socialism he should represent and what the party's attitude should be towards the Communists.

wards the Communists.

M Michel Rocard, the leader of the minority group in the party, and a challenger to M Mitterrand, received a powerful boost last weekend with the open support of M Pierre Mauroy, the Mayor of Lille and leader of one of the form leader of one of the two most powerful Socialist branches in

ne country. M Mitterrand so far has resisted pressure from the Young Turks of his entourage to central committee, told a press declare his readiness to stand. | ped inside the 10,000-ton over-

than 50 per cent of the entire

French coastline is now urban-

ized, and in Brittany the figure has reached 73 per cent. Plogoff

is one of the very few places with enough rock, water and isolation to build a plant.

These are the very virtues, of course, which 2,359 inhabitants of Plogoff want to pre-

them literally to man the barri-

cades against even the planning

inquiry

proposition.

and which has caused

investigating

This stand by the small

peasant population has, of

course, attracted other pro-

testers as well as the militant Breton nationalists, all of whom

see Plogoff as a cause capable of winning much popular sup-

Anti-nuclear and environment

groups are pinning their hopes of Plogoff winning the day as a first step forwards France

backing down on its nuclear

For the people of Plogoff,

however, it is the idea of build-

ing the huge power station on



Experts in Stavanger examine the broken leg of the oil rig yesterday.

17 more oil rig disaster victims found

Oslo, April 1.-The bodies of turned rig. The divers have not in which the offshore oil rig Alexander I. Kielland capsized have been found on the seabed.

Stavanger police reported today. The disaster last Thursday killed 123 of the 212 oilmen on the rig. Sixty-seven bodies have been recovered and divers are searching for 56 still missing in the Edda oilfield area.

Many of those missing after the world's worst offshore oil industry disaster may be trap-

France goes on with nuclear energy plan despite protests

to cause the deepest anger. Although unhappy about pos-

sible nuclear dangers, their real

argument is against what they see as vandahism against one of the few unspoiled sections of the French coastline.

Some of the locals will even

admit quietly and very secretively that they would welcome the scheme because it would bring money into the area.

Although notices everywhere

say "Plogoff is not for sale" a number of land deals have

taken place recently with small

farmers buying up property in the belief that they will make

a good profit by selling to the

electricity authority when plan-ning permission is granted. The protest movement also

seems to have attracted a num-

ber of small businesses to the

area. A couple of new bars

have opened, which are doing brisk business in selling protest

badges and drinks to the crowds

able that the people of Plogott

are united in opposing the plan.

Nevertheless is is incontest-

of supporters.

e protest movement also

Such places are rare. More their beloved cliffs which seems

17 more victims of the disaster yet entered the rig, which was in which the offshore oil rig a floating hotel for workers. The oilrig capsized after one of its five steel legs was broken off during a storm. The broken leg was towed to Stavanger and thoroughly inspected by the four-member Norwegian com-

mission of inquiry yesterday. It was also checked by experts from Det Norske Veritas classification society for ships and oil rigs and from Phillips Petroleum Company, which had chartered and operated the Norwegian-owned French-built

the hundred in work parties to build barricades to try to keep

the vans holding the inquiry documents out. By day they always managed to assemble a

large crowd to watch the vans

attracted troublemakers. In an

well above the national average,

young people found something

positive to do in hurling stones

at policemen in pursuit of a

cause of which their elders approved. The peaceful inten-

tions of the Plogoff demonstra-

tons often disappeared in a

cloud of tear gas smoke fired to disperse a dangerous group of youths with slingshots. This type of protest is becoming a French tradition.

The watchmakers at the Lip

factory of Besançon have resis-

ted a liquidation order for over

of the Lanzac plain have stopped the French Army for

a decade from extending its firing range there. Catholic traditionalists bave held a

years. The sheep farmers

Inevitably the demonstrations

where unemployment is

The commission, headed by a judge, Mr Thor Naesheim, also is working on the Alexander I. Kielland's sister rig, the Henrik Ibsen, which has just been com-pleted, to study construction details. "We will not come up with any indications about the possible reason for the accident before all our work has been completed," Mr Naesheim told the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang mday.

The possibility of salvaging rig and towing it away from Edda field to Stavanger without damaging pipelines is also being analysed by Phillips

These cases have been at

stalemate for some time now.

with the state unwilling to give

way for fear of setting a prece-dent and fearful of acting too

harshly for fear of creating

But none of these issues is

as vital to the future of the French economy as is the nuclear programme. If Plogoff

is rejected, somewhere else will

have to be found and the

inevitable objectors at a new site will have taken heart by

As the French planners see

it there really is no sensible

alternative to the nuclear pro-gramme. A young girl standing in the pouring rain one day at

Plogoff wearing an anorak to

which was stitched the badge

"Solar, yes: nuclear, no" seemed to sum up the environ-

mentalists' hopes for a sun-

leper colonies. They are essen-

tial, but nobody wants them in

groups share

From Our Own Correspondent

The close relationship between terrorist groups of different countries has been shown up by police interviewing the 23 people

arrested since last Friday for

questioning about a series of shootings and bomb attacks.

Among them are five Italians and a Spaniard. The rest, who

are French, include people sus-

pected of links with two terrorist groups which have operated in

violent way of making them known brought French revolu-

tionary members in contact with the Italian Red Brigades. Police believe that the Direct Action Group was formed to coordinate activities between

In the Paris flat, where

police found members of the group had been meeting 1,350lb

of explosive and large stock of weapons, including rifles, revolvers and grenades were

Italian arrests: Five alleged members of the Red Brigades

terrorist group were arrested by Italian police in a dawn raid in Ancona today. One of those

in Ancona today. One of those held was a Jordanian student

All had been charged win sub-

version and membership of an

armed group, a police spokes-man said.—Reuter.

Gaevie, Sweden, April 1.—
Police believe they have broken
up a gang of illegal moose
hunters who shot the animals
from their cars on a highway
and butchered them in their
bathtubs, a district prosecutor

said today. Three men have been arrested

on suspicion of killing some 50 moose. If found guilty they face a maximum penalty of one year in prison and loss of their cars

and rifles, he added .-- Reuter.

Drive against

moose hunters

discovered.

Nuclear stations are like

powered France.

their own backyard.

Terrorist

close links

martyrs.

President aunda hailed the epoch-Kmaking victory of Zanu-PF7" in the Rhodesian election and said that Namibia (South-West Africa) "will be free and will in the not too distant future take her place in the summits for the economic reconstruction of our region." against the law for three years.

OVERSEAS_

liberation

Lusaka, April 1.—A nine-

nation southern African econ-

omic summit opened here to-

day with a warning that the

region's struggle to coordinate

development and lesen its de-

pendence on South Africa

Sir Seretse Khama, the Presi-

dent of Botswana and chairman

of the one-day conference, said

in his opening speech that "the

struggle for economic libers-

tion will be as bitterly con-

tested as has been the struggle

brought together the leaders of

the five "frontline" states that backed the guerrilla war

for an independent Zimbabwe

Tanzania, Zambia, Mozam-

bique, Angola and Botswana— with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister designate of Zimbabwe, and delegations from Lesotho, Malawi and

Sir Seretse made it clear that the group, while seeking to lessen its dependence on trade

and transport links with South

Africa, was not seeking out-right confrontation.
"It is not our objective to

plot against anybody or any

country but, on the contrary, to

lay the foundation for the de-velopment of a new economic order in southern Africa and forge a united community," he

The aim of the summit is to

approve a declaration drawn up at a conference in Arusha,

Tanzania, last July combining measures to coordinate develop-

ment projects with steps to reduce economic ties with

frontline " states

for political liberation." The meeting, hosted by President Kaunda of Zambia,

would be long and hard.

Dr Kaunda described the summit as a "logical consequence" of events in Rhodesia and "part of the implementa-tion of the OAU (Organization of African Unity) declaration calling for African unity." He added: "We are happy

that Zimbabwe has joined the ranks of nations whose major preoccupation is not merely the search for political freedom, but also consolidation of that freedom."—Reuter and AP.

Summit call | Israel relents on El office in Tel Aviv

for economic From Christopher Walket

Jerusalem, April 1 the Knesset which the Knesset which After months of stalemate the Aziv to enjoy the Israeli: Government has given diplomatic privileges in to concerted European diplos diplomatic privileges matic processes and matic pressure and granted the EEC permission to open its new office in Tel Aviv rather than Jerusalem, the official capital whose exact status remains and journalists and sharply contested international

The sudden switch in the Israeli position is regarded in Western diplomatic circles as a the city's position a considerable climbdown and in But to date the call has been accompanied by the not entired a process. minimum of publicity inside Israel A serior Foreign Miniment on the reasons beyond moves particularly stating. They way is now open ments. stry official refused to comfor the EEC to open its office. Although there and it will be opening in Tel public explanation

Until the stipulation about Jerusalem was withdrawn the flect the Government EEC flady refused to go ahead must to lose an include the control of the cont with earlier plans to send representatives in Tayael; although Community at a senior official that alterdy EEC has received the new mission. It was pointed out to the Israelis that spart from Holland, alt memporantial contact property of the EEC with diplosary contact property of th As yet, no date has been set there are compla for the opening of the office. cials that promised But I understand that one will on the tariffs o be announced soon. At the same Israeli citrus fruit

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Europe to aid neighbor as well as Zimbabwe

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, April 1

M Claude Cheysson, the European Commissioner for aid and development, said on arrival here today that the European Community would provide development assistance not only for Zimbabwe, but also for projects that would serve neighbouring states.

It seems likely therefore that the possibility of Community

assistance for the development of regional transport and communications systems will be raised when M Cheysson meets Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister designate tomorrow. Mr Mugabe returned to Salis-

bury from Lusaka this evening after attending the nine-nation summit conference which agreed to create a southern African transport and communications commission to co-ordinate the use of existing

The summit emp one of the first prio be the reopening links that connec locked states of Zambia, Botswana is one area where is likely to call for

At an airport ference tfter his Salisbury today, said the Comm. already given 4.71 dollars (£3.3m) to babweans who had the war to Bo Zambia and had al Rhodesin dollars wards the repa refugees prior to 1 general election. Lord Soames, the

had lunch with today. M Cheysso-visit Mozambique

Chad drifting into civil war |Carnage sl as fighting enters 11th day

Ndjamena, April 1.—Chad. The peace keeping force was seemed to be drifting into civil installed under terms of the war today as fighting for the capital entered its efeventh day amid signs that attempts to negotiate a ceasefire had been

Fierce clashes continued last the Defence Minister, and President Goukoum Oudder's People's

dent Goukouni Oudder's People's
Armed Forces (FAP).

Sporadic fighting and bursts
of machine gun fire could be
heard in the north and northeast of the capital, the centre
and in the customs area near
the Chari river. But fighting
appears to have died down a
little.

All negotiations appeared
blocked with telephone con-

All negotiations appeared blocked with telephone contacts between the two leaders apparently broken off. A meeting yesterday to study another ceasefire failed to take place, without any reason being given. Withdrawal of the Congolese peace keeping force continued. Two Congolese Antonov 24 air-

craft and an Angolan Herculese C130 made four evacuation flights on Sunday and seven yesterday. The Antonovs were ferrying soldiers from here to

Lagos agreement on national reconciliation reached last year between Chad's 11 armed factions. The agreement called for the 50 Congolese soldiers to be night between the Armed joined by contingents from Forces of the North (FAN), supporters of Mr Hissene Helm inforcements never arrived.

Three French army surgical teams were expected to start operating this afternoon on casualties evacuated from here by the International Red Cross across the Chari River to Kousseri, Cameroon. The surgeons are equipped with two mobile France-Press, AP.

operating rooms.—Agence Forces advancing: Mr Habre's rroops claimed today that they were advencing through Ndjamena pushing back froces commanded by President Oueddei, reports reaching Paris said.

Mr Habre's 3,000-man force, heavily armed with 120mm

heavily armed with 120mm guns, rocket launchers and mortars, was reported to be gaining ground though its ad-versaries were slightly more

numerous.

As fighting entered the eleventh day, there were indications that the French, Saudi,

delegates f

From Alan McGreg Geneva, April 1 Delegates of the Committee of the Ndjamena report b by "indiscrimina by "indiscriminal during the fighting Mr Frank Sch today this applied to the large number

casualties, includi **
"We estimate a 1,500 wounded in 1501 Alias very rapidly runn medical supplies." A chartered aircr

here tonight with a medicines and dre ICRC delegates and trator. According to 1

the opposing force: President Goukouni Mr Hissene Habre, Minister, "are ver to it in principle". But they are c recognize the Cent as a neutral zor enabling Red Cross evacuate wounded Kousseri, on the Ca

Changes in registration France over the past decade. The round-up seems to have begun after the discovery of a Sudanese and other diplomats had abandoned their effort to stop the fighting—UPI. Garoua, in northern Cameroon. The big Hercules take them from Garoua back to the Congo grey Mercedes used in an un-Successful attempt to assassinate M Robert Galley, the Minister for Cooperation, last month. However, police have not been able to find the couple said to able to find the couple said to have run away from the Mercedes after the unsuccessful attack. The couple were named today as Jean-Marc Rouillan and Nathalie Menigon, members of the Direct Action Group, which claimed responsibility for the shooting. The common bond of extreme left-wing views and a ruthlessly violent way of making them New Yorkers begin the long hi

The VAT registration limit has been increased to £13,500 per annum, with a corresponding quarterly limit.

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if you are at present registered and your turnover (including VAT) will be £12,500 or less in the year beginning 1st June,1980. Your deregistration date will be 1st June, 1980.

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Full details of the changes

including how to apply now for deregistration from 1st June, 1980, are contained in Notice 736, obtainable from any VAT office.

Issued by HM Customs & Excise.

New York, April 1
Millions of cheerful commuters walked, cycled and
hitch-hiked to work this morning as workers on New York's ing as workers on New York's bus and underground rail system and the Long Island railway went on strike for the first time in 14 years.

The morning rush hour was less chaotic than expected but officials believe things will become worse as the strike continues.

Mr Edward Koch, the popular

mayor, stood in the walkway of Brooklyn Bridge and told streams of pedestrians: "The unthinkable has happened, bur life will go on". He praised their tenacity and they in turn urged him not to give in to the demand of the striking unions for large salary increases. By a stroke of luck, the wild winds, rain and sleet of yesterday had given way this morning to crisp, sunny spring weather. The massed phalanxes

of pedestrians were in a matching sunny mood as they struck up conversations with strangers, up conversations with strangers, comparing boasts as to how far they had hiked.

The streets were alive with the thud of shoe leather.

It would have been something of an anti-climax if the leathers had a shield been something of the leathers had been something the shield been shield been something the shield been shield be shield been shield been shield be shield been shield been sh land or an anni-timax if the last-ditch talks, which broke down two hours after the midnight deadline had succeeded in staving off strike action. The city has been preparing for it for washe

Complicated emergency traffic rules were prepared and took effect at dawn today. The main intention was to ban cars with fewer than two occupants from the central area of the

city and from key roads leading increase in salar

the entrances to some bridges police were making lone motorists pick up pedestrians. The traffic jams were not much worse than on a normal morning, possibly some had the day off for the start of the elwish Passover holiday. Large firms bired coaches to

carry their employees, and booked others into hotels. All thotel rooms in New York are filled, hired cars have been hard to get and there has been a run on bicycles. Enterprising owners of mini-buses were crusing the avenues this morn-time. ing offering rides to tired

pedestrians ,at a price.
The unions, which represent 35,000 bus and underground workers, had been seeking an increase of 30 per cent spaced over two years. The best offer made by the state-run Metro-politan Transit Authority was an increase of 18 per cent over

The strikers defied a court order made under a state law banning strikes by public employees. The state was taking additional legal action today to try to force a return to work but union leaders have said they will ignore court orders. Technically, each striker could lose two days' pay for every day he strikes, and the union can be fined.

Behind the dispute is New York's long-running financial crisis, which almost brought the city to bankruptcy five years ago. The following year the booked an hotel roo transit workers settled for no not be able to find to

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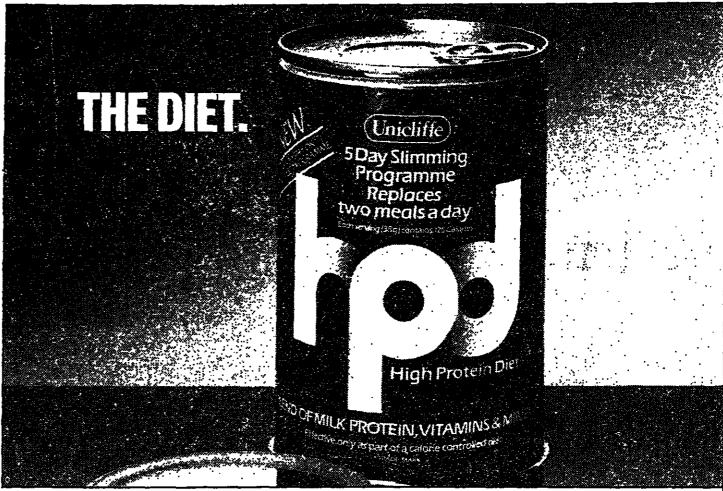
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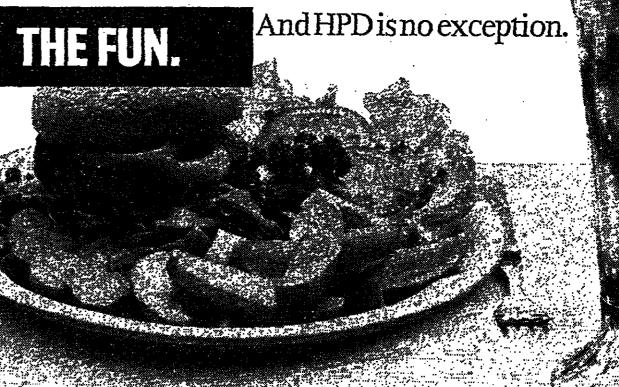


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Conditional hope about future of American hostages in Bani-Sadr speech to Iran crowds

From Tony Allaway Tehran, April 1

today raised hopes that the 49 was by no means unanimous. American hostages might be There is no indication so far of transferred to Iranian Govern-

Addressing a festive rally marking the first anniversary of Iran's Islamic republic, Mr Bani-Sadr said the transfer would take place if the American Government publicly promised to keep silent on the issue for the time being.

But, as in the past, there still appeared to be some hurdles to be overcome on the path from the President's will to his ability to act. The most immediate was whether President Carter, in his reaction to Mr Bani-Sadr's message, had yet done enough to meet Iran's conditions.

Mr Bani-Sodr told the huge crowd that the country's ruling Revolutionary Council had agreed to take control of the histages "if the United States Government makes a formal announcement that it will not, until the formation of (Iran's) parliament and its decision on the hostages, speak, instigate or make propaganda or claims on

There was also a special message today from the Ayatollah Khomeini who repeated his determination that the new Islamic parliament should decide the eventual fate of the hostages. The parliament is not expected to get down to serious business until June.

There was no official Iranian reaction after Mr Carter had given lifs reply, but independent observers who saw his com-ments said they did not seem have explicitly fulfilled Mr

Eani-Sadr's conditions. Western diplomatic said one possibility was that Mr Carter might be waiting for voting to finish in the Wisconsin primary election before

the reaction of the militant when he restorted to cheating "long live Banistudents holding the hostages. and flattery", the Ayatollah Agence France-Presse.

He met three of the students said. He called on all Iranians last night to discuss the Revolution unite and "use all your President Bani-Sadr of Iran tionary Council decision, which was by no means unanimous. what, if anything, was agreed

in the meeting.
The ayatollah's own message, read at today's rally by his son, did not inspire confidence that Mr Bani-Sadr had vet won his approval of the plan.

The two do not appear to have met since Saturday. Before the revolutionary council made its decision. Since then the ayatollah has been visited by Ayatollah Muhammad Behshti, a council member who leads strong opposition to compromise on the hostage issue, and Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh the Foreign Minister, who supports the President's plan. Although the

ayatollab ointedly made no reference to the issue of transferring the hostages to Government control. he spoke today in some of his most scathing terms about President Carter and the United States.

The ayatoliah said the Shah's flight from Panama to Egypt meant that "a solution has become more difficult".

If the students held their ground the ayatollah would have to publicly brder them to hand over the hostages. Yet in the past he has consistently sided with them in all issues. If the ayatollah does, however, eccept the transfer it has been suggested that in the initial stages it might be a "technical" affair which would leave the hostages and students inside the embassy but with the Government able to have full

access to them.

Ayatollah Khomeini's message today was an angry reply to the message the Iranians say President Carter sent the ayatollah last week. Describing America as the "great Satan" he accused President Carter of trying to cheat us with flat-

the requirements.

Even so, the crucial factor in Mr Bani-Sadr's plan remains used at the end of his reign

to unite and "use all your might to dash the hopes of America, our main enemy".

In his speech, President Bani-Sadr spoke of the two messages he had received from President Carter. The second of these indicated that the Iranians had agreed to a March 31 deadline for transferring the hostages, provided the United States held back from imposing sanctions

According to Mr Bani-Sadr, President Carter said the Iranian President had not kept his promises and gave a warning that because of a shift in American reaction "the transfer will become more difficult if delayed ".

Mr Bani Sadr said Mr Carter had told him: "We have shown our good will by agreeing to the United Nations Commission and refraining from any harsh statement concerning Iran and have tried to keep the position of Mr Bani-Sadr in consideration". It then said that America expected Iran to live up to its own responsibilities.

Wheelchair veterans: About 500,000 people, including veterans in wheelchairs and victims of the former Shah's Savak secret police massed today at the great Azadi (Liberty) Square in the west of the city to celebrate the Islamic republic's first anniversary.

President Bani-Sadr and Mr Ahmad Khomeini, son of the Ayatollah Khomeini, arrived by helicopter and were greeted by a huge ovation

The President had to be practically carried to the speakers' platform, losing his glasses in As the meeting closed, police

cordons were knocked over and presidential guards had to use force to get Mr Bani-Sadr through the crowds to his helicopter. General Cadmehr, the armed forces chief of staff was lifted bodily into the air and carried to his car. As Mr Bani-Sadr's helicopter lifted off the crowd shouted "long live Bani-Sadr".— CALLES AND AND AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

Hat trick: Senator Edward Kennedy with a large Mexican hat which was given to him by some of his admirers in Milwaukee on the last day of his Wisconsin campaign.

Tehran Government persuaded to take over embassy captives

Continued from page 1

unhelpful "clarifications" by Administration officials here who were auxious to avoid any new deterioration in American-Iranian relations.

It now appears that the Administration sent at least two messages via intermediaries to Iranian leaders last week. Tue messages warned the Iranians that they could expect new sanctions if the hostages continued to be held by the militants in the embassy.

At the same time, the Administration called on its West European allies and Japan to make the same point to the Iranians. The latter agreed to make representations to the Iranians explaining that Washington's patience was now at an

Sadeq Qorbzadeh, the Iranian Foreign Minister, apparently decided to use the messages as a way of convincing members of the Revolutionary Council that the time had come for the Government to take control of the hostages. But they chose either to fabricate new contents for the messages or to use the more conciliatory parts in them to persuade their colleagues on the council to approve the transfer.

Mr Carter, it was alleged by the Iranians, had both admitted past mistakes in America's relationship with the deposed Shah and expressed some sympathy for the militants holding the hostages.

The publication of such views posed a serious problem for Mr Carter in an election year. Several statements were issued

from the White House which initially appeared to deny even the existence of the letters. But it later transpired that the denial covered only the general thrust of the messages and their authorship. The messages were signed by Administration officials not by President Carter, as the Iranians had maintained. Waldheim comment: Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, said today that a handover of the Ameri can hostages in Tebran to the

Nations commission of inquiry. The five-man mission suspended its work last month when the youths holding the hostages would not allow them to be

Revolutionary Council would pave the way for the resumption

the work of the United

Woman is jailed over Hungary escape attempt

A conspiracy of hearts hatched by two Hamburg women to reunite a young Pole with his fiancée in the West ended in a Hungarian court at

Fraulein Maria L rmann was sentenced by the Gyor county court to five months'

By Gabriel Ronay

the weekend.

Fréulein Margarethe Grudzin-

charge. The court exer cised leniency because of her poor health and fined her 60.000 forints (£1,500) and ex-

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Bribes for doctors and teacher

and children there's sometimes a competition to see who can give the most generous preshe gets used to it, even though there's a hint of bribery which is sometimes quite obvious."

The sick child's parent: "How can I not bring a box of chocolates to the doctor, or a nicely wrapped bottle of cognac? It's the done thing. Like saying thanks for your trouble. There are several ways of treating someone: with special attention or just normally. So what's wrong?

The chief accountant: "You have to respect and please the auditor. For instance, I know that there were no financial irregularities, but still I am afraid. If he wants, he can always find something wrong. I don't know whether it's a present or a bribe—a bribe I suppose. If he's not given anything, the auditor can always hint at what he would like."

to be repaired. When I sent a mechanic to collect it, he came back without it. When I asked him the problem he said: 'in return for the engine they want a sheep.' So we had to slaughter one and send him back with it. In the old days they would fix things for a bottle of cognac. Now they want a sheep. What

it will be next I don't know." The council chairman: "I don't like talking about such things, but if you don't mention my name I'll tell you frankly, because I've had enough. This person you have to take out to supper, that one for a day's a sauna. Naturally it all costs money and who is going to pay?

We're not doing this for our-selves, but for our region." The worst thing of all, the paper said, was that in the end it was the state that had to pay for all the bribes. Nobody paid from his own pocket. The

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Bomb blasts end uneasy silence in San Salvador

San Salvador, April 1.-A troop carriers were seen rumspate of bombings in a residen-tial area of San Salvador broke nearly 36 hours of tense quiet after the weekend violence in

the city's main square in which 31 people were killed. Authorities said eight bombs exploded in the suburb of Colonia Escalon. Most of the bombs seemed to have been aimed at businesses. Residents said they beard up to 16 explo-

There were no immediate reports of injuries or of the ex-tent of damage. Two armoured

bling toward the area shortly after the bombings last night. Left-wing and right-wing factions have launched a wave of terrorism against the ruling minitary-civilian junta which is trying to introduce land re-forms and nationalize banks while carcking down on leftists

in the countryside.
Violence broke out on Sunday at the funeral of the assassina-ted Archbishop, the Most Rev Oscar Arnulfo Romero, when 31 people died and 148 were injured.—AP.

Death sentence for man who killed British pilots

Zajecar, Yugoslavia, April 1.

—A 59-year-old Yugoslav was sentenced to death today for war crimes by a court here.

Vojislav Rajkovic, a construction worker, was found guilty of killing 49 unarmed people during the Second World War, including captured, Communist-led partisans, two unidentified British pilots, two Soviet soldiers and two Bulgarians. He

pleaded not guilty, saying he had carried out the orders of superior officers.

Hew as a member of the Royalist Chetniks who fought against Marshal Tito's partisans

during the war.
Mr Rajkovic had served eight years in prison immediat-ely after the war for fighting against the partisans, but his soldiers and two Bulgarians. He war crimes remained undetecte admitted the killings but until late last year.—Reuter. war crimes remained undetected

few foreign tourist shortly before 9 as the mausoleum in Ti square in the centre
—UPI.

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to chair a meeting to the International World Colleges, of v

Body of millionaire's kidnapped son fo in shallow grave in Tahiti hills

Paris, April 1

The body of M Olivier Breaud, 26-year-old son of the millionaire French Banker M Jean Breaud, and brother-inlow of the French pop singer Sacha Distel, was found by French criminal police investi-gators in Tahiti yesterday. He had been kidnapped on

March 26 in Papeete, where he ran several of his rather's business interests. A ransom of 10m francs (about £1m) was demanded for his release. M Jcan Breaud had refused to get in touch with the kid-

nappers or discuss payment of the ransom until he was pro-vided with proof that his son

was still alive.

Police say the victim was in a yacht were d
The body of the victim was lured to an empty house in the spread to reassure
discovered in hills a few miles suburbs of Papeete. Then he nappers.

from Papeete, where it had was said to have been been hastily covered with a few a textile plant at F: shovelfuls of earth and town near Papeete-branches. According to the circumstances which police investigators, M Olivier yet been clarified, he Breaud had been hit on the by his kidnappers, head with an iron bar and a Polynesian club and died of his injuries on the day he was kid-

Three suspects, Yves Le Goff.

up a textile factory to produce and sea traffic to cotton products for tourists. They have been charged with murder.

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of northern Syria to the poli-tical leadership of the country that has angered the Sunnis, who once exercised social and economic domination over the rural population.

The Alawite Mountains to the east of Latrakia have always been among the poorest and least developed areas of Syria, and the Alawites formed a largely agrarian society whose peasants took the most menial jobs when they emigrated to During the French mandate

(1920-1946), the Government in Paris encouraged the recruitment of Syria's Alawite, Druse and Kurdish minorities into the so-called Troupes Speciales du Levant, a force which both suppressed local rebellions and effectively enabled France to divide and rule its sphere of influence in the Middle East.

The Sunnis came to feel, therefore, that the Alawites had helped to suppress the rise of Arab nationalism, even though the Alawites would later be found among the most vocifer-ous proponents of pan-Arabism. It was probably inevitable, too, that the Arab Socialist Baath that the Arao Socialist Dalin Party, founded by a Christian and a Sunni Muslim, should have taken root so quickly among the Alawites.

Asked in a recent interview with The Times how the Alawites came to achieve such distinction in the Baath, Mr Ahmed Iskander, the Syrian Information Minister, said with Perhaps it is because revolutions traditionally find their base among the poor."

Most important of all for the Alawites, they had gained influence through the Army.

The old French special forces eventually became the national armies of Syria and Lebanon.
In Suria the Sunnis professed In Syria, the Sunnis preferred commercial life to military service and so gave the Alawites a greater footbold in the Army.

Education spread only gradually to the northern part of Syria and Sunnis still constituted the most powerful group within the officer corps, but during the 1960s this changed

dramatically.
By 1963 Alawites made up almost 40 per cent of the military officers in the Baath Party's regional commands. Though they were to remain a minority, they gradually acquired the remains a first of the control of the central of t minority, they gradually acquired the positions of most

influence.

President Assad's coup d'état
in 1970 represented the effective supremacy of the minorities within the army.

Mrs Gandhi with President Mobuto of Zaire in her Delhi office

The Bay of Pylos, one of the by special teams of the Ministry sunken ship apparently con-

shores. A magnificent sandy beach at Yalova was reported to

An ichthyologist from the Ministry of Agriculture has con-firmed the tales of woe of local fishermen. It now seems that

they will be out of business for

some time because of large-scale

Efforts to remove the oil manually yielded vast numbers of cans and plastic bags full of thick black liquid which are being sent to a power station in Megalopolis. But the overall

of its demand for armed bases Other outstanding issues in-clude the size of the proposed United Nations force, its con-

position, the percentage of it to be deployed in the DMZ and

whether Swapo guerrilla forces should be allowed to return

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Reports from Pylos indicate result is poor, considering that

that, despite Herculean efforts the leakage of oil from the

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The public prosecutor of

Kalamata started proceedings

today against those responsible for the sinking of Irene's Serenade, in which two mem-

bers of the crew died after an

The charges are manslaughter, causing a shipwreck by negligence, and polluting the

sea and shore. The mayor of Pylos and the local fishermen

are considering legal action

against the owners of the

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If, concrary, to his predic-tions, Swappo won power, Dr Viljoen said he would be less

singuine. Mr San Nujoma, the Swapo leader, was no Mugabe, he maintained, and his lieu-tenants were not very bright

said Dr Viljoen.
Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday proposed June 15 as a date for the implementation of the United Nations plan for independence. However, several issues still base to be resolved.

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power-brokerage in Syria tends, however, to over-simplify the tensions in Many Sunnis, COUNTRY. example, do not dislike Alawites -but they do dislike the socialism of the Baath Party. applied to the most influential members of the party who, of course, are generally Alavite.

Thus an upheaval in Syria in the coming months would not just constitute a straightforward attempt to overthrow President Assad: it would also open up the possibility of civil strife on a very large scale. Mr Assad realizes this and

so he has gone a long way to encourage relatively liberal reform within the party. That this has so far failed to achieve its purpose may be because the reform is too late rather than too little

President Assad, however, is a man of determination as well as shrewdness, and should a ment, few Syrians doubt that he would struggle to maintain his power, even if opponentsperhaps within the Army-took control of the capital.

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House of Lords

VAT tribunal's appellate powers limited

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Salmon, Lord Scarman and Lord Lane A value added tax tribunal has

no power, on an appeal by a tax-able person under section 40 of the Finance Act, 1972, against au assessment to VAT, to review the exercise of a discretion conferred by statute or statutory order on the Customs and Excise Commis-soners and substitute its own view sioners and substitute it: own view for theirs. Such a tribunal has no general appellate jurisdiction.

general appellate jurisdiction.

The House of Lords, Lord Salmon dissenting, allowed an appeal by the commissioners from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls and Sir Stanley Rees, Lord Justice Eveleigh dissenting) ([1979] 3 WLR 291), which had allowed an appeal by J. H. Corbitt (Numismatists) Ltd, dealer in antique coits, of Newcastle upon Tyne, from Mr Justice Neill. The Court of Appeal had held that where the commissioners had found, under the Value Added Tax (Works of Art, Autiques and Scientific Collections) Order, 1972, that the dealer's records had not that the dealer's records not not been kept in accordance with a notice issued by them or were such as the commissioners "may recognize as sufficient for those purposes " and accordingly did not qualify under a "margin" that the dealer's records ha not qualify under a "margin" scheme for reduced VAT on the

Customs and Excise Commissioners v J H Corbitt (Numismatists) Ltd

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its own decision for that or the commissioners.

By the 1972 Order, made under the Finance Act, 1972, a scheme of relief on the VAT rate of then 5 per cent was allowed to dealers in antiques more than 100 years old, VAT being chargeable only on the difference between the anythers and reale prices of such purchase and resale prices of such goods. Under article 3(5) of the Order the scheme was not applicable unless the dealer kept such records and accounts as the commissioners "may specify in a notice published by them for the purposes of this Order or may recognize as sufficient for those purposes". The commissioners issued a notice No 712 in 1973 specifying how the books and records should be kept. In 1976 a customs and excise officer called at the dealer's premises, examined his records, and decided that they did not comply with the requirements. The commissioners made an assessment of VAT under section 31 of the Act on the basis that the "margin scheme" did not apply. purchase and resale prices of such that the '

The dealer appealed to a VAT tribunal at Newcastle under section 40(1)(b) of the Act. The commissioners contended that their refusal to recognize the dealer's records as "sufficient" was a matter entirely within their discretion and not subject to review. The tribunal, by a majority, held that it had power to go into all matters relating to the appeal de novo and to substitute its own decision. The judge, on the commissioners' appeal, reversed the rebunal.

Mr Peter Scott, QC, Mr Simon D. Brown and Mr Andrew Collins for the commissioners; Mr David Goldberg and Mr John Walters for Corbitts. Lord Diplock and Lord Simon

agreed with the speech of Lord LORD LANE said that the House was concerned to determine what powers a VAT tribunal had to review the exercise of the commissioners' discretion under VAT

legislation.

In ordinary cases VAT was charged on the supply of goods by a trader as a percentage of the value of the supply by him to his purchaser, that amount being paid by the trader to the commissioners. But he was allowed to set off against the tax so payable the amount of tax previously charged on the goods supplied to him—the input tax." That worked fairly, provided that the person selling to provided that the person selling to the trader was himself a taxable person. If he was not, there was no input tax of which the trader no input tax of which the tracer could take advantage. Thus in trades where purchases were often made from non-taxable persons (as in the present case) the trader's selling price on to his customer for the same article (in the absence of special rules) would have to vary according to whether he had bought from a taxable or non-taxable person. That would result in unfair anomalies.

in unfair anomalies. The Finance Act, 1972, recognized that difficulty. It provided by section 14(1): "The Treasury may by order make provision for securing a reduction of the tax chargeable on the supply of goods chargeable on the supply of goods of such descriptions as may be specified in the order in cases where no tax was chargeable on a previous supply of the goods and such other conditions are satisfied as may be specified in the order or as may be imposed by the commissioners in pursuance of the order."

Those words expressly provided for two stages of delegated direction: the first under the order itself, the second by the commissioners in pursuance of such order.

One of the orders made under the section was the Value Added Tax (Works of Art, Antiques and Scientific Collections) Order, 1972, which gave concessions to traders by means of what had come to be known as a "margin scheme". It was contained in article 4(1) of the Order.

Such a scheme was obviously open to abuse; hence the require-ment that a trader should keep of the sincerity and self-abuegation and public spirit he had shown throughout his life. ment that a trader should keep certain specified records before he could take advantage of it. Article 3(5) of the Order provided: "Article 4 does not apply to any supply by a person mless he keeps such records and accounts as the commissioners may specify in a notice published by them for the purposes of this Order or may recognize as suffi-

their requirements in a notice published by them—nonce No. 712 (the Blue Book). It was couched in disarmingly simple language and described the margin scheme and the accounts and records:
required to be kept to bring a
trader within the scheme's ambit.
By paragraph 18, if a person
failed to comply with any condition of the notice he "may be
held accountable for tax on the him.

Too little was known of the great burden that the office carried beyond time in court. The were registered dealers, admit-

tedly did not keep the required records—they were in breach of the first half of article 3(5). Moreover, the commissioners did not recognize the records in fact kept by Corbitts as being "sufficient" for the purposes of the Order in the exercise of the discretion given them by the second half of article 3(5). That was the crux of the appeal. Was that failure or refusal by the that failure or refusal by the commissioners to exercise their discretion in favour of Corbitts something which the VAT pribunal was entitled to review, or was it an exercise of discretion which was subject to review, if at all, only by way of judicial review in the Righ Court? The commissioners contended that their discretion was not subject to review. cretion was not subject to review by the tribunal and that accord-ingly they were entitled to assess the trader for " the amount of tax the tracer for "the amount of tax due from him to the best of their judgment" pursuant to their powers under section 31(1) of the 1972 Act. They did so assess the tax they considered to be due from him.

The relevant anged providing

The relevant appeal provisions in section 40(1) read: "An appeal shall lie to a value added tax tribunal . . . against the decision of the commissioners with respect to any of the following matters:

. (b) an assessment under section 31 of this Act or the amount

of the commissioners as to what records should be recognized as sufficient under the second half of article 3(5). Mr Justice Neill disagreed with that conclusion,

but the majority of the Court of Appeal held that the tribunal's views were correct. The question was whether on a true construction of the various provisions set out the trader was given a right of appeal to the tribunal against an exercise of the

commissioners' discretion. The answer was brief. It could not be and was not disputed that the VAT tribunal had noments as to books and records laid down (as the Act authorized the commissioners to do) in the various appendices to the Blue Book its task on an appeal was confined on that aspect to an inquiry as to whether the trader's books and records in fact com-plied with the Blue Book requirements. That being so, it seemed to his Lordship inconceivable that any different powers should be given to the tribunal in respect of. the second half of article 3(5), namely, the discretion in the commissioners to recognize or not missioners to recognize or not recognize records actually kept as being sufficient. The two halves of the article were part of the same system of approval or non-approval of records, the first set out in terms in the Order, the second in the shape of a more flexible discretion. In neither case. was there room for review by the tribunal except on matters of fact.

The judge had expressed the matter ([1979] 3 WLR 291,298) in words which his Lordship was unable to better: "It is common ground . . . that in so far as conditions are imposed in Norice No 712 itself, they are not conditions which the appellate body, the tribunal, can interfere with in the sense that it can substitute its view as to what were the appro-priate conditions for the view of the commissioners. The tribunal can certainly consider whether or not those conditions have as a matter of fact been complied with. That is something which would be a suitable subject of an appeal. But what it cannot do is to say, 'We do not think that Appendix A or Appendix B, or whatever it may be, ought to be in that form: it should be in some other form.'
Once it is conceded ... that the commissioners are empowered, subject to the control of the Treasury, to lay down the conditions in a general notice such as Notice No 712 in such a form as they consider proper and that that power is not subject to appeal, it seems to me impossible to contend that the discretion given by the final words of Article 3(5) 'or may recognize as sufficient for those purposes' is a different kind of discretion which is subject to appeal'.

appeal ".

There was another aspect of the matter. Assuming that the tribunal had the power to review the commissioners' discretion, it could only properly do so if it were shown that the commissioners had acted in a way which no reasonable panel of commissioners could have acted. If it had been intended to give a supervisory imisdiction to give a supervisory jurisdiction of that nature to the tribunal one would have expected clear words to that effect in the Act. But no such words were to be found. Section 40(1) set out nine specific headings on which an appeal might be brought and seemed by inference to negative the existence of general supervisory jurisdic-

For those reasons his Lordship LORD SALMON, for dismissing

mistakes in assessments, and they were also the tax collectors. It would seem very odd if, in a free society, the tax collector was the sole arbiter of whether his assesssole arbiter of whether his assessment was right and the amount payable by the taxpayer was left solely to his discretion. His Lordship considered that the commissioners had no such power. They were in much the same position as the income tax collectors, whose decisions were never final and binding but could always be appealed and dealt with by an entirely independent superior body such as the special commissioners and the VAT tribunals.

and the VAT tribunals.

His Lordship could not agree that because a taxpayer had no appeal against his assessment in respect of what the commissioners might have done under the first part of article 3(5) it followed that he had no appeal against his assessment in respect of what the commissioners did under the second part of that article. Under that part, they had to decide whether the entries in the taxpayer's books were sufficient not-withstanding that he had not com-

bearing arms.

Dr Viljoen said that the manner in which Mr Mugabe's phere was strained as a result of recent alleged incursions sither. South Africa guerrillas had been allowed to remain at voting in protions for Namibian dence is use the sooner it can be affected could be reached, the bester, at agreement could be into the South by armed North

Mr Lee Dong Bok, spokesman for the South Korean delega-tion, described the atmosphere at today's meeting, which fasted just over an hour and a half, as the tensest so far in this series of contacts.

other tourist areas. Reports

from Zante, for instance, said

that because of prevailing south winds a four-mile-long slick had

already polluted the island's popular beach at Lagana.

The tanker has settled at a depth of about 150ft where, archaeologists fear, it may have

crashed into some of the 50 warships of the Ottoman fleet sunk during the Battle of Nava-

Until now, the wrecks could

be seen and it was hoped that

border incursions

When North and South Korean delegates met for the fifth round of the present talks in Paramunjom today the atmos-

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, April 1

one day a few could be raised and put on display.

ring in 1827

The South Koreans told their counterparts that Attempting to pervert course of justice northern counterparts that attempts by North Korean spies to infiltrate the South were not conductive to improved relationships.

Last week South Korean forces shot dead three armed frogmen who had swum across the Han River to the south side of the demilitarized zone, sank what they allege was a North Korean spy ship, and fought off an attack by a North Korean patrol.
The South Koreans propose an early end to today's meeting

Bench and Bar join in tribute to Lord Widgery The present was not the time to speak of the constant stream of judgments by which Lord Widgery had added to and emiched the great river of English case law. The work of the Divisional Court in particular covered now an immense range of cases, not merely in the supervision of magistrates' courts, but in the rapidly growing jurisprudence of administrative law—one of the new and really remarkable achievements of the British judiciary both north and south of the Border in recent years. His Lordship could not say goodbye without a word of sympathy and sadness for the heroic struggle Lord Widgery had put up in recent months in carrying out the immense duries of his office in the face of growing physical infirmity. His self-sacrifice in abandoning the struggle now was not the least mark of the sincerity and self-sheeziton and public solidit he

Lord Chancellor, was in the as Lord Chief Justice's court welcoming Lord Widgery on his inaugura-tion. Today in the same court Lord ton. Today in the same court Lord Hailsham, again as Lord Chan-cellor, had the melancholy privi-lege of saying farewell to him on his retirement in the face of grow-ing physical infirmity.

Lord Hailstam, flanked by Lord Widgerv, resplendent in his scarlet robes. Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Megaw, the senior Lord Justice of Appeal, and Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, presided over a court overcrowded with judiciary of all ranks, sliks and junior counsel, officials, solicitors and members of the amblet. of the public.

of the public.

Lord Hailsham said that nine years ago his last words were that in this age when so much had been devalued and brought low, one thing had retained its lustre undiminished: the integrity, impartiality and professional skill of the higher judiclary in England and Wales. In the Queen's Bench Division and the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal that had been due in no small measure to the leadership, character and sheer industry of successive holders of the ancient, honourable and important office of Lord Chief Justice. Now Lord Widgery and amourtant office of Lord Chief Justice. Now Lord Widgery handed on to his successor the right to wear the famous chain of office and to preside without stain and without blemish of any kind.

kind.

In 1971 his Lordship had spoken with pride of the profession's honourable record in wartime, of which Lord Widgery was a shipnesses which his Lordship personally had received in common with other members of the Bar when appearing before himstrong, courteous and lamane occupant of the judicial bench.

His Lordship had spoken also

His Lordship had spoken also shoulders of the Lord Chief Justice; of the work of the Divisional Court and the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal; of the leadership and coherence he was expected to show as the sentor of his distinguished group of puisnes; and not least of the constant counsel and assistance which the Lord Chief Justice gave to successive holders of the Lord Chancellor's office in judicial appointments, conferment of silk, and in all the manifold problems of practice and procedure and organization of the Crown Courts with which the Lord Chancellor was expected to deal.

Gone were the days when the shoulders of the Lord

was expected to deal.

Gone were the days when the Lord Chancellor's Office and the Lord Chief Justice regarded one enother with suspicion almost as

had given them both.

Lord Widgery had been appointed in the first moments of the inanguration of the new Crown Courts, but the bringing into being of the new system was the work of close cooperation between Lord Widgery and the Lord Chancellor's department. All the time the Lord Chief Justice had been giving the main hours of his day to the ceaseless work of the Criminal Appeal Division—and for the first time under his yeal-dency it sat in the provinces—and to the Divisional Court, not to speak of occasional forays into the work of the Queen's Bench Divisional

Lord Widgery and Lady Widgery would carry with them into retirement the admiration, love, friendship and the prayers of them all Order or may recognize as suffi-cient for those purposes." The commissioners did specify

ney General. said that he attended with the Solicitor General, the chairman of the Bar Council, the Director of Public Prosecutions, supported by many members of the Bar, the president of the Law Society and many members of the society. He was truly present as amicus, not amicus curiae but as amicus judicis.

During his tenure of office Lord Widgery had won the admiration of the legal profession and, Sir Michael suspected, many of the litigams who had appeared before him.

the administration of justice across the whole range of the Crown Courts, in addition to the Queen's Bench Division, added immensely to the work load, and immensely to the work load, and Sir Michael knew of the hours which Lord Widgery spent outside the sitting of the court discharging those functions. Sir Michael wondered whether

Sir Michael wondered whether we should not devise a way to help the Lord Chief Justice to discharge the burden. All wished his Lordship and Lady Widgery happiness, good health and contentment. When he retired through the court door for the last time be would know that he took with him their very greatest respect and deepest affection.

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Mr Simon Brown said that he was particularly auxious to associate the Junior Bar with all the good wishes that had been expressed.

Mr Alan Fletcher, speaking on behalf of all present and past members of Lord Widgery's former chambers and their clerks, associated himself with everything that had been said.

Lord Widgery, in response, thanked everyone who had helped to keep the judicial machine in good shape. He said that he was leaving somewhat earlier than he would have wished. However, the judicial role was a demanding one and the standards of fitness which might suffice in some professions would not always do for the Lord Chief Justice. He would take with him the happiest memories of the 19 years which he had served on the High Court bench.

of such an assessment."

The VAT tribunal, by a majority, concluded that those provisions entitled it to inquire into all matters leading up to the

Solicitors: Mr G. F. Cloak; Kingsley, Napley & Co for Nichol-son, Martin & Wilkinson, New-castle upon Tyne.

Court of Appeal

liant inquiry plan infuriates Vietnam veterans About 40,000 veterans will be study proposed in Figure 1

Dr Kint Waldheim, the United Nations SecretaryGeneral, yesterday proposed fune 15 as a date for the implementation of the United Various plan for independence. However, several issues still lave to be resolved.

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was not primarily connected with the negotiations on Nami-bian independence. He was here to address the South Africa Club but he would be

making a courtesy visit to the Foreign Office today to see

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But Mr McMinn is adamant

that everything announced by the Government is nothing but a delaying tactic. "We are a delaying tactic. "We are bloody furious. We wanted a judicial inquiry. This inquiry (the scientific survey) will go on for years. How can they hope to interview 40,000 Vietnam veterans?

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Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Mr Jostke O'Connor

[Judgment delivered March 28] An attempt to pervert the course An assempt to pervert the course of justice is a substantive offence consisting of conduct which has a tendency and is intended to pervert the course of justice. The word "attempt" is misleading, but it is convenient for use in a case where proof cannot be given that the course of justice was actually necessaried.

that the course of justice was actually perverted.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Lawrence Mackin, aged 37, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, from conviction at Doncoster Crown Court (Judge Michael Walker) of attempting to pervert the course of public justice. The perticulars of the indictment charged that he had committed the offence by fabricating evidence of a false allegation that he had been assaulted by two police constables and sustained an eye injury at a assaulted by two police constables and sustained an eye injury at a police station, and by inclining Brian Allen to give false evidence in proceedings against him for offences of permitting a vehicle to be used on a road without insurance. He was sentenced to nine months' impuisonment.

Mr. Lionel Scott for the appellant; Mr. R. M. Harrison for the Crown.

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Some three weeks afterwards he went to the police station in connexion with something else and was accompanied by Brian Alien and Keith Shaw, who waited outside. In the station the appellant clicated two statements to the effect that he had given the two drivers permission to drive and knew that neither held a driving licence or was insured.

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The prosecution's case was that, when the appellant left the station, he asked Allen to punch him in the eye, and he did so with the result that the eye began to swell. The appellant told Shaw and Mrx Shaw that the police had hit him, and he said the rame thing to his wife and told her to telephone the Domaster police and complain, which she did. He made a similar allegation to his solicitor and a hospital doctor, and went to a photographer who photographed the eye, but the appellant did not collect the photograph. He had also asked Allen to give evidence that the police caused the injury and Allen agreed.

The appellant made a written The appellant made a written statement admitting the facts. However, big evidence was that the statement had been composed by the police and he had signed it because they had threatened to have his children put into care if he did not sign. He denied the facts alleged by the prosecution. At the close of the prosecution's case counsel submitted that the facts alleged did not go far enough to amount to an attempt. On

to amount to an attempt. On appeal he engined that to charge "attempting to pervent the course of public leading." was to charge

an incheste offence, and that the jury should have been directed now they might decide whether or not an act was sufficiently proximate to amount to an

The law was concerned to for-bid unlawful conduct which might result in a miscarriage of justice. There were specific common law offences, such as embracery and personating a juryman. There were statutory offences, for example, the concealing of information for reward about an arrestable offence, contrary to section 5(1) of the Criminal Law Act, 1957. On the other hand, as was polymed On the other hand, as was pointed out in the Law Commission Report out in the Law Commission Report on officences relating to interference with the course of justice (Law Com No 96), the common law recognized a wide general offence variously referred to as perverting or obstructing the course of jus-ince Constructing the course of jus-

tice, obstructing or interfering with the administration of justice, and defeating the due course, or the ends, of justice. The particular acts or conduct in question might take many different forms, including conduct that amounted in their to some other craimed offence or attempt the state of an

thereat in the strict sense of an inchaste offence, The gist of the offence was con-duct which might lead to a mis-carriage of justice, whether or not a miscarriage actually occurred. Their Jurdalma: therefore agreed that, as was then in Roscal, the vendent for use in the case where it could not be proved that the course of justice was actually perverted, but it did no more than describe a substantive offence than describe a substantive offence which consisted of conduct which had tendency and was intended to pervert the course of justice. To do an act with the intention of perverting the course of justice was not of itself enough; the act must also have that tendency.

must also have that tendency.

Therefore, the jury should not be directed to assess the conduct of the accused in terms of proximity to an ultimate offence, but should be left to consider its tendency and the intention of the accused—as had been done in the present case. The acts alleged did have a tendency to pervert the course of justice, even though the appellant's plan was not pursued to a final successful conclusion. The verdict was clearly supported by the evidence. The appeal was dismissed.

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How to prove that comprehensive schools have not failed

With the bacometer set "very stormy" for the future of comprchensive education and the Government committed to taking us back on the road to selection, an appraisal of some of the positive results of reorganization is long over-due. Today well over 80 per cent of secondary pupils are in comprehensive schools as compared with some 7 per cent in 1964 when Labour began its remarkable, probably unique example of massive structural change in a school sistem. Yet though we have had political polemic in plenty and a surfeit of statistical skirmishes on exam passes, there has been no major synoptic survey flet alone evoluation) of what is different in a positive sense in the new

It would be absurd if official as well as popular judgment on the success or failure of the far reaching changes of the past 15 years depended on the arid sophistications of statisticians, on fragmented studies of some of the developments, or on political prejudice one way

Surely the real test of the new system is whether and how far it has achieved what it set out to do. That was to increase substantially the opportunities of the mass of children who suffered negative discrimination under the divided system and, it was hoped, thereby to raise their educational levels. It was R. H. Tawney, dealing with social policy, who sold that where you had a two-tier system then the lower tier would inevitably be worse off. There is no question that the secondary modern schools received treatment inferior to the grammar schools in almost every respect and this had serious conse-quences for the education of their

Looking back, as one who helped to pioneer the change and was head of schools in both systems, I do not think there is any doubt that reorganization changed all that. Where an area has gone comprehensive there is now one level of provision in resources, the "tools of the trade", books, materials and equipment and, most important of all, staffing. Yet there is little comment on the enormous difference this has

Though the newly built secondary moderns were sometimes not too badly off in facilities and amenities, comprehensives were usually planned to the best grammar school standards, or even better, as for example in the case of workshops for technical studies. Again, the secondary moderns usually suffered from severe shortages of specialist and graduate teachers who gravitated to the grammar schools where they were able to teach to more advanced levels and had better salary prospects. This decisive dichotomy has disappeared and the comprehensives have their full

quota of specialist staff. For the first time, as a result, there has been the possibility of giving children something like an all-round education. Science and language laboratories, for example, and as far as they are available, the appropriate specialist teachers, have fundamentally changed the curricular patterns of secondary education for masses of children. Some education for masses of children. Some commentators have sneeringly referred to the new "palaces" that were built: they conveniently forget that these made possible the educational objectives they frequently demanded—science, art and music, languages and presical recreation as central features of secondary education.

a crucial feature of the changeover. While the Department of Education and Science woke up to the benefits of a core curriculum like a dormouse after a long winter sleep, the idea was at the heart of the educational thinking of the comprehensive pioneers. They were concerned, too, not only with extending the educational programme of the secondary modern, but also of the grammar school pupil. In how many grammar schools, for example, was technical education taken seriously or

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even provided? It was in the grammar schools, with their almost exclusively academic orientation, that the alleged failure of schools to appreciate the importance of productive industry originated. How much worse that problem would be but for reorganization, which widely extended technical education. Yet you will look in vain for any recognition of this in the prejudiced pronouncements of the anti-comprehensive platform.

It is fashionable today to press the claims of the gifted child. Fair enough -but let us not forget that the biggest educational weakness has always been the failure to give a fair deal for large numbers of children at the other end of the ability spectrum. Here the compre-hensives have begun seriously to dent the problem for the first time with the enormous increase in attention paid to

Broadening the curriculum was thus care, which was practically non existent

With all my inner city school experience I shudder to think what these festering areas would have been like but for the skilled and dedicated work of pastoral staffs grappling with almost intractable difficulties while under fire from the gibes of cheap, sensational commentators blethering mischeivously about blackboard jungles. It is all too often forgotten that the comprehensive reform coincided with a new permissive ambience in society. We should be grateful to the schools for the way they are trying to cope with social problems not of their making, thrust upon them by parents, the media and "progresby parents, the media and "progressives" who want the schools to treat children like adults.

We hear a great deal these days, and rightly so, of the gap in the education of the 16-to-19 age group and of the effect of this on the economy. Let us therefor remember that while staying on after the leaving age was very much a minority experience in the secondary moderns, more than 60 per cent of com-prehensives have sixth forms and to that extent are alleviating the problem. For these pupils are largely sixth formers, outside the academic tradition our "education and industry" gurus so often attack. The contribution of the comprehensives in curriculum innovation for these youngsters has not been recognized.

result would be to lay forever that unsubstantial but malignant ghost, the

Training a new generation of engineers

education of engineers in the United Kingdom.

It was no surprise that the major part of the Finniston report on engineering in the United Kingdom deals with training and education. This was a relatively easy topic to cover compared with the brief-ro consider now industry u'lizes engineers. However, it is an appropriate emphasis, for on it will rest the future of United Kingdom engineer. ing. Implementation of the recommendeficients will dramatically effect all con-cined with the "formation" of engineers. It will change the face of empersity engineering departments, their relationship with their universities. and between them and the government. Whereas engineering departments have too often become passengers in university development, many will now become minor growth prints. Whereas in the past the UGC alone has exercised financial control over universities, now en "Engineering Authority" may also have some control over parts of universities' work. Universities' willingness to accept this control, the willingness of some engineering departments to support others better placed to satisfy Finniston's recommendations and the ability of those within engineering ments, will influence the long term moact of Finnisten.

lems are substantial. The report recommends a change in the emphasis of education and training for engineering. There will be a move away from a pre-dominantly science orientated approach to a more professional and integrated approach. At the top, a two-tier qualitication structure is to exist. Approximately 25 per cent of the present throughput of undergraduate engineers work for an MEng degree to become "diplomate" engineers. These !

Two recent unconnected events—the will be the "top notch" engineers. publication of the "Finniston" report, MEng courses will include basic and the collapse of Meccano—may each engineering practice and professional have a significant impact on the training studies in engineering. BEng courses, for 75 per cent of degree students, will be shorter, less intensive, and perhaps more akin to much current undergraduate degree work. Those responsible for establishing the MEng courses will have much to learn from the "en-riched" engineering courses established in seven universities in 1978. These, although not without their critics, have been successful in attracting a bigh proportion of the better qualified school leavers. There will now be more courses

fishing in the same pool ". Which universities will run the new courses? What type of staff are needed for this approach to engineering? Where will they be found? Where will the additional funds come from? Will industry accept the new approach and the greater involvement of academics in the practical training and development of engineers?

Little will be achieved it all university engineering departments mount new MEng type courses. Larger departments, with larger courses now attracting better quality students may have a greater claim. What therefore will happen to the small departments where the resources required to mount the newprofessionally oriented courses may not be available: the new courses may be departments, and the willingness of i considered appropriate for the high i individuals to enter engineering depart. status engineering departments, mainly those with a strong research reputation. Interest in and commitment to research Much could be gained, but the prob. and the advancement of knowledge may not however, be the best background in which to train engineers for creative design and manufacturing jobs in indus For the non-research oriented engineering students, newer departments concentrating on teaching and without substantial research commitments might be more appropriate and less distracting contexts in which to

establish new courses. If BEng courses are to be associated with the less able students, and are per- type engineering courses.

universities, how do we cater for those who wish to study engineering but not become professional engineers? It is essential that some of those going into financial management, personnel and other industrial professions have some knowledge and commitment to engineering. But many of these are the brighter students, so will they still be attracted to conventional engineering courses if these are in some way devalued? Will those universities which continue with three-year engineering science type courses fail to get professional recogni-tion? If so many of the present high starus courses would not be recognized, and some universities would have to pursue either an entirely "unofficial" form of engineering education or run down their courses and thus lose good students to other subjects.

The staff required to design and run professionally oriented, integrated en-gineering courses are a rare breed. They must be academically well qualified with substantial and recent engineering achievements, but many staff now in university engineering departments have been there for a long time and lack recent professional achievements (other than research). Even now it is difficult to attract good staff to university engineering departments, so how will the new staff be recruited? It may be necessary to copy the medical schools, in which chinical staff are paid more and benefit from different terms and conditions of employment.

The development of a more clinical approach will involve improvements in the business side of courses, since most professional engineers work in a commercial environment and most engineering courses are weak on the practice of engineering in that context. This is engineering, not "management", and must be treated as such. Too few university academics will be capable of adequately integrating such a com-ponent into what until now have been largely analytically oriented/science

demics, and a new approach to engin-cering education, will be necessary and desirable. Some separate funding of university departments to permit such developments may be necessary. Substantial changes in the internal manage-ment of university funds and the development of new and more meaning-ful relationships between university and industry are essential if the recommendations are to be implemented. All this must be done if the "formation" of engineers is to match the needs of the manufacturing industries in this

The collapse of the Meccano Company in November 1979 was unfortunate. For many engineers the use of Meccano (and the like) was an important formative experience influencing choice of university course and subsequent career. Many of the more committed applicants for university engineering places are still in part motivated by hobby interests. The loss of Meccano is therefore an ironic postscript to the dawn of the post-Finniston era of engineering training and education. Finalston is mending a more "experiential" approach to engineering education. The new approach will be more like engineering in practice involving learning by doing, with motivation through achieve ment. If this is to succeed then interest in engineering must be bred at an

earlier stage, and in schools.

Those who have no interest in creating, understanding and analysing things are unlikely suddenly to develop such interests on leaving school. The best engineers and best engineering students developed an interest in artefacts when young-the "Meccano influence". If

inniston now introduces a substantial "Meccano" effect—or as Barnes Wallis would have called it, a "heuristic" experience—in engineering education

and training, much can be achieved. Ray Wild

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For publishers, as for other entrepreneurs, these are fretful The rich feeding-grounds of "the institutional market" are withering at the edges. Production costs increase remorse-lessly. Inflation accounting calls for techniques not wholly natural to an industry that gained much of its prestige as cottage one. It therefore seems somewhat less than prudent for a publisher's editor, safely esconced behind a rampart of success, to choose this moment to quit home comforts and make a fresh start.

This bowever is just what Julia MacRae, the managing director of Hamish Hamilton Children's Books, has done. Concerned that the administrative burdens of working in a large company were increasingly distracting her from the central job of editing, she last year set up her own firm, Julia MacRae Books.

Miss MacRue has been wise enough to see that cottages are lishers and has established her imprint under the London roof of an American company, Franklin Watts Ltd. This has given ber full editorial freelom, and at the same time has enabled her to find the capital for her first list and to bring into the new firm three of her colleagues from Hamish Hamil-

stressed the laudable aims of her company: to publish fewer books per year than seems to be the wont of many firms these days, and thereby to give the growing list a distinctive-ness which is too often lost in roday's call for increasing turn-over and quickly shifting titles. For all its laudability though, such a policy does not of itself produce works of genius andat least as far as children's books are concerned—it does not bring Miss MacRae much nearer to solving a dilemma that is likely to get sharper in the next few years. Who is going to pay money for dis-tinctiveness?

As it happens, no one has posed this question more graphically than Julia MacRae herself. In an address to a by Ward Lock Educational in The Content of Reading) she remarked on the gulf that exists between the philosopher-librarians who would only give children books of honesty, integrity and vision and most of the children themselves, who have no mind for such things. Confronting her staff at Hamish Hamilton with a range of the tirin's publications she had said a year or two before this: me which of these books you are actually going to give to a real live child for Christmas". The resultant painful silence had led to a determined effort to find books like Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar. which might combine robust enjoyment with the high stan-dards of creative skill.

Very Hungry Caterpillars do not exist in ahundance, how-ever tindeed most of Eric Carle's subsequent books have been deeply disappointing), and the first eight publications from Julia MacRue Books demonstrate something of the difficulty of getting the balance right between robustness and

If one looks, for instance, at what is nominally the bestin the list-Alice and Martin Provensen's The Mother Goose Book (54.95)-one finds a truly handsome folio edition colleagues from Hamish Hamilton.

In a policy statement at the launching of her first books a few weeks ago, Julia MacRae

of some 150 nursery rhymes. Every page opening has been planned with care, each of the crowding illustrations having the simplicity of those in a

coloured chapbook. But the cumulative effect of so much cunning design runs counter to the jocose quality of the rhymes, and the book as a whole has a static, culculated air about it.

A rival volume published by World's Work, in almost the same format and on almost the Rhymes Without Reason (£3.50), but here the illustrator has adopted a more spontaneous approach, stuffing his pages with a variety of witticisms and vulgarities which fall in more readily with the native anarchy of the chosen verses.

Three other picture books in the new list share something of the clinical chill that pervades The Mother Goose Book. They are an ABC story called Alfred's Alphabet Walk, by Victoria Chess (£3.75); a Geor-gian folk-tale called The Fisherman's Son. by Mirra Ginsburg, illustrated by Tony Chen (£3.95), and a rather snide moral fable Anthony Browne called ok What I've Cat (53.95). With the exception of the latter (and of a pale, slow-moving teenage novel by Joan Lingard: The File on Froulcin Berg. (£4.50), all the books in this first list come from the United States and they bespeak two things: a sensible recognition by a new firm of the commercial value of cooperation in pubdefined continuance of policies that proved successful at Hamish Hamilton.

And in two instances the method has really turned up winners: the first a charming picture book by Anita Lobel, with a funny, cleverly modu-lated text by her husband Arnold—A Treeful of Pigs (£3.50); the second an intrigu-ing study of animal, vegetable and mineral forms seen through the eye of a scanning electron microscope - Small Worlds Close Up by Lisa Grillone and Joseph Gennaro (£3.95). In their different ways both these books have the immediacy of appeal and the continuing attractiveness that meet Julia MacRae's call for books that may " touch the lives" of a wide audience

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Itrst elements which removed from the ging by Steven Pimelsewhere has done ther than his Czech The Pimlott strokes old ones of a young sture of expressionist and Victorian barngestures. If some of not come off, others

no fear of the extravaands of Verdi's lib-era; the thunderbolt ikes Nabucco at the ct: II splits the back ge and creates a size in the floor, enough any King of Baby-vonder Nabucco loses Later the idol colh a mighty rasp of



Camillo Meghor as Nabucco (left), John Tranter as Zaccaria

glare of arc lamps visibly manocuvred by technicians on top of lighting turrets which could double as watchtowers. Oddly, the famous "Va, pen-siero" went less well than some of the other concerted numbers.
But Mr Pimlott has an eye for
a stage tableau, although his
handling of movement is less

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h like a cross-section score. Verdi was out to respond so often played as a rabbleand mighty Stilton. to the Scala's 1841 commission rouser, was contrastingly resis striking under the and prove that he could write trained and delicately sung.

as good an opera as anyone. It was raw, crude and immensely invigorating.

The Belgian baritone Camillo Meghor in the ritle role, making his company debut, was by far the most accomplished singer of the evening. He did not arrive on horse as Solera demanded, but instead astride a sea of dry ice. Even so he took command at once. The voice has a brown burnish to it, not always up to Verdi's legato but never lacking in attack. His Nabucco reflected the early Hollywood view of the Old Testament with gestures that would not have shamed a Wolfit and wild eyes suggesting that it would take less than a thurdeshelt to being an made

was inadequate.

Adrian Martin was a pleasing, light-voiced Ismaele, surely one of the least rewarding tenor

of the least rewarding tenor roles Verdi composed.

None of the women rose above the mediocre. Milla Andrew's Abigaille was as extravagant in gesture as her presumed father Nabucco, rather like Anny Schlemm on an uninhibited evening, but the voice reacted indifferently to Verdi's demands and the wistful "Anch'io dischiuso" went for little Glynebourne's 1977 prize. little. Glynebourne's 1977 prize-winner, Helen Walker, made a pretty but pallid Fenena; she will surely improve. The Anna

So it was an evening in which the honours went to conductor, orchestra and chorus, although in Steven Pimlott ENON have a producer to watch, especially if there is someone to lay a restraining hand on him.

far one may go in revelling in

such lushness without wallow-ing. Under his leadership, the Berlin State Orchestra in the pit sounded unusually trans-

The vocal beauty provided

parent and rich.

Sparkling subtlety

The Rake's Progress Covent Garden

Stanley Sadie

The Rake's Progress has always been something of an enigmatic opera, above all because of the way Stravinsky plays cat-andmouse with his audience: teasing much of the time, but with the seriousness of the game always apt to show through. Yet it does not seem to be a troubleat does not seem to be a trouble-some work to produce; I do not think I have ever seen a staging of it that did not find a way of capitalizing on the brilliance of the Auden-Kallman libretto and indeed on the contradic-tions within the score itself.

It is really an opera for a house of modest size; but the new Covent Garden production mew Covent Garden production
—first given last June, when
this paper with silent, and now
for the first time revived—is
remarkably successful. Its underlying theme, an identity between Auden and Rakewell,
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made manifest in Tom's pose in his solidouy at the beginning of Act II, seems fairly pointless; certainly the juxtaposition of texts in the programme establishes little, for the analogy between Auden's one-time creed of self-

Auden's one-time creed of self-knowledge and self-fulfillment and Tom's fecklessness and self-delusion is at best slender.

Elijah Moshinsky's staging is expert: busy, alive, swiftmoving, sharp in atmosphere. The stage is sparely set: Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena Firth put the opera on a plat-Firth put the opera on a plat-form like a big inverted T which, with flats from the wings, some doorways and a drop cur-tain, does all that is needed Their doorways are classical, but for their costumes they do not go back to Hogarth, rather to the mid-nineteenth century. In principle this should not

work; but, with a score that makes a point of cutting across strict notions of period integrity, it does, even if one jibs at hear-ing people in Dickensian garb uttering the sentiments of a century before.

Musically it is first-rate. Colin Davis conducted before; now it is Maurits Sillem, who without sacrificing crisoness or precision emphasizes the fluidity and above all the richness of colour of the score. He paces it steadily but per-ceptively, though perhaps the over-extended Bedlam scene might profitably go more

Robert Tear is a magnificent Tom, clear and subtle in de-livery, shading the sound beautifully and suggestively in con-tifully and suggestively in con-veying his dissolution. The new Anne is Felicity Lott, done with charm and spirit, a hint of sensuousness in the phras-ing that happily warms Stravinsky's chill, especially in the ringing tone at, for example, "I'll go, I'll go to him". Nick Shadow is now sung by Donald McIntyre, another resourceful performance with plenty of ripe, dark tone and insinuating nuance. Patricia Johnson nuance. Patricia Johnson makes a wittily shrewish chat-terbox of a Baba and Robert Lloyd a resonant Trulove.

ted effect is admiringly held for the laughs that come seldom. Clumsily split between the full stage and the curtained forestage, the action is too often concentrated at the centre, leaving actors to make long exits during which they repeatedly drop out of

character. The pace of the show may owe something to Charlie Drake's own taste in comic timing: like that of an ex-hausted boxer who periodically pulls himself together to deliver a vicious swipe. On his first bowler-hatted appearance, de-jectedly heaving himself up through a trapdoor and then stamping on the family cat, the effect is very funny. But after a few repetitions, you are left feeling that this apathetic, stonefaced clown is not the likeliest

The show is rich in farcical props, including mobile doors, a reversible tragic-comic mask, a court that rises in the air, and a bicycle throne. They are like a box of fireworks, burnt

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

Luciano Berio Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

Since 1958 Luciano Berio has been fathering a series of solo pieces, the Sequenza siblings. There are now nine of them, but the baby of the family, for percussion, is not yet ready for outings, so there were eight to be introduced in turn during Monday night's festive celebration held under the auspices of the London Music Digest. Berio himself was present to keep a himself was present to keep a paternal eye on his offspring, and most of them were in the care of the virtuoso musicians for whom they were created. The oldest is for the flute, now quite an elegant young man, but often dreamy or puz-

a harp solo, unpredictable as any 17-year-old, rippling and graceful but given to fits of spiteful bad temper which quite belie her appearance; but none of this bothers her 14-year-old sister, the only vocalist of the family who flambuoyantly parades the special attributes of song and speech.

of song and speech.

The fourth, fifth and sixth members are all in their early teens 100, but utterly different in character : the athlete at the piano, the clown at the trom-bone, the bookish child who worries at trembling chords on the viola. A little younger, the seventh is a bright lad gambol-ling around a single oboe note. The violin eighth is a difficult infant, at first going on and on with regular insistence, then running off in playful pirouet-

tes, but finally settling into ominous, quiet repetitions. This last, longest of the ser,

made an upbeat finale in a brilliant performance by Carlo Chiarappa, who swakened the memories of Bartok and Paga-nini and Corelli that lie in what is an aural portrait of the violin. But there was delight and astonishment, too, in the more familiar items: in the snappy attacks and luminous resonances of Karia Labeque at the piano, in the pure tone and intelligent phrasing of the flautist Alain Marion, in the wit of Heinz Holliger's aboe and the humour of Stuart Demp-ster's trombone, the shear abundant virtuosity of Cathy Berberian, Francis Pierre and Walter Trampler in their own fulsome testimonials. It was an all-star evening.

Metamorphoses

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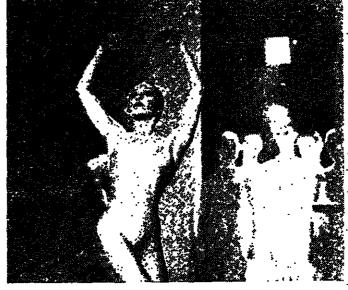
John Percival

Geoffrey Cauley's Metamorphoses, given its first performance by Festival Ballet at the Coliseum on Monday, is the first new work commissioned by John Field since becoming director. He has turned to a choreographer who can be relied on to provide a striking stage picture (the designs are his own) and to make the dancers look good. The setting, as sparse and geometrical as Cauley generally prefers, is a ballet renearsal room. In it at curtain-rise Patricia Ruanne stands with her back to the audience, a towel over one shoulder. Her shaded, silvered tights cleverly make her look not naked but like a drawing of a nude. Her look of physical vulnerability is contrasted with the elegance of the other women who enter next, walking tall in floor-length skirts.

walking tall in floor-length skirts.

We are to imagine Ruanne, I suppose, tormenting berself because her body will not achieve impossibly high ideals. But Matz Skoog's arrival in a beam of light cheers her up for a while. Some other male dancers come in and play with a ball (I could not see the point of this); another woman, Caroline Humpston, appears to pose a threat to Ruanne's position.

The last third of the ballet is almost a straight repeat of the first third, but with the



Patricia Ruanne

differences implied by the will serve as a talking point title; the most noticeable being and, because he knows how that this time round she finds much a dancer can imply by Skoog a disappointment and lets him go off again, I almost forgot to mention that a chunk of scenery, like a suspended hox, twice descends to hide some of the cast and rises again after a while. It must mean something; but what?

Cauley seems to have inven-ted ballet's equivalent of the old academic puzzle picture, without which no painting ex-hibition was once complete. It

much a dancer can imply by sheer personality and projec-tion, he gets away with it.

What you must not expect is anything in the way of memorable movement, nor any closer connexion with Richard, Strauss's music than in mood. I more cheerful look at a dancer's life and work, was also on the bill, or we might all have come away wondering why they bother to keep trying.

eo Adam proves himself as a producer in this sort of musical romanti-cism, with a fine sense of how

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Magdalena Hajossyova, Eberhard Büchner

during the rococo period, "doppio le parole". "Prima le parole", counters his friend and collaborator the poet, "doppio la musica". Not very much else, when you get right down to it, happens. Making all that high-class chat interesting for two uninterrupted ing for two uninterrupted hours requires forces of substantially more than average

All in all, this new produc-tion stands up to the challen-ge, and on the opening night the audience gave Theo Adam, one of its favourites anyway, an ovation which visibly warmed his heart. In addition

which he presents induced to be leagues from all over the world as his guests and performing partners, has made Theo Adam something of an East German institution.

Otmar Suitner conducted this first première, with Peter Schreier succeeding him for the second one. Mr Suitner shines

to operatic and concert appearances, a succession of television programmes, in which he presents musical col-

In Cappiccio ne has had luck in the selection of his artistic collaborators—at least in those involved on the opening hight-for this production has dual casting in all important roles.

The vocal beauty provided by the leading singers made the opening performance an occasion on which simply to sit back, relax and enjoy. Top honours must go to Siegfried Vogel, who as the narcissistic rheatre director La Roche brought down the house when, improvising his own obituary, he reticently called himself "unforgettable, immortal," and concluded. "The gods loved him, the people admired him." Magdalena Hajossyova, the Magdalena Hajossyova, the Slovakian soprano who

the Countess, seemed tense at the beginning, and that made voice unpleasantly shrill for a while, but the more she tor a while, but the more she relaxed the more she warmed up and by the time she came to that limpid, meltingly beautiful monologue which closes the opera, she provided rich and tasty icing for an altogether delicious cake.

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Eberhard Büchner as the composer and Jürgen Harrfiel as the poet made all they could out of their rather could out of their rather monotonous, repetitive roles, with Mr Buchner handicapped by an unbecoming wig. One's heart went out to Steffi Scherzer, a lovely young ballerina, for a sharp corner ripped her skirt right at her entrance and she had to perform her entire number—very form her entire num capably—with an ey-sory length of tulle hanging down. Wilfried Werz has provided a set which seems far too vast for this work's quite modest overall proportions, but Erika Simmank-Heinze's costumes

were a delight. In his staging, Theo Adam as sometimes fallen back pon outdated, anti-realistic מסקט operatic clichés—the eight servants' movements, for instance, or the Countess's exit, when she leaves the room for a solkary supper in another as if hordes of admirers await to cheer the virtuosity she demonstrates with her feathered fan-but in general he can claim this production as a substantial success.

Max Harrison

Oberon's magic born sounded quite enchantingly in Weber's overture on Monday night. This nearly immaculate performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Charles Dutoit seemed an auspicious start to their concert, and well-balanced wind chords and live string phrases were

only some of the pleasures.

that of the three virtuosos of that art who occupied the rest of the programme, but the Bournemouth sound was here less consistent and integrated. Mr Dutoit did some good things, however, such as his shaping of the cello melody in

mann's orchestration as against

shaping of the cello melody in the slow movement, and there were some nicely-turned oboe and clariner solo phrases. The pianist, Andreas Schiff, was fluent, sensitive, and in the finale energetic, but as yet he is apparently without any indi-vidual thoughts to offer on this familiar work. familiar work

mentales, and these received a performance which had some-thing of the "electric shivers and feline suppleness" that Roland Manuel long since re-marked in them. Often such music is played in a lush, even over-heated manner, but here it

Debussy's music is, of course, more elusive than that of Ravel, and the Prelude a Papres midi d'un faune was not quite as successful. Again there was some fine individual playing from the woodwind and the strings had an aptly sensuous sheen. Yet Mr Dutoit did not only some of the pleasures.

Oddly enough, the orchestra appeared considerably less happy in Schumann's Piano Concert was divided into altogether conjure up the latter consisting of two Ravel happy in Schumann's Piano Concert was divided into altogether conjure up the latter consisting of two Ravel it was too static. Ravel's works flanking one by Debussy.

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Ubu

Jeanetta Cochrane

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As the first word uttered on the Cochrane stage is "Blimey" rather than the expletive which is all most people remember of Ubu, it is clear that this Spike Milligan-Charlie Drake-Charles Marowitz product is going to have as much to do with Jarry as Milligan's Oblomov had to do with Goncharov.

However, there are over-whelming arguments in favour of bringing this old monster up to date; and I note that, besides the Cochrane show, a Midlands-based group called Raging Id are touring a sequel called Ubu in Gloucestershire featuring Amin and Bokassa among other strong Ubuesque candidates. In the Milligan version, Ubu starts off as a Dagenham shop steward to which Mr Drake adds a one-

finger Hitler moustache after ascending the throne of But there, sad to say, topical interest dries up. We get an opening scene in Fred Ubu's

other men " snaps Gladys Ubu, and Fred promptly makes off to the sixteenth-century by lift.
That gets his career off to

one good line and one good stage effect; and there are others worth mentioning such as a gallant toast taken with eye-droppers, the sight of Claire Davenport's heftily hoopskirred Queen Gladys eaves-dropping from behind a wizen-ed tree which she carried on for the purpose, and one or two genuine deep-groan puns Where has this runner en?" "I'm not a runner been, I'm a messenger.").

But on the whole, the first production of the exiled Open pace Theatre amounts to a misalliance of talents. Jarry's play may need pointing up, but the way to do it is not to convert a recognizable French type like Captain Bordure into new soldier of fortune called Captain Fumbling Grope who relates to nothing outside show

Mr Milligan has had his wicked way with the script, and his occasional flashes of inspired lunacy do not make up for the dead weight of deliberately dreadful gags and the lack of coherent narrative.

embodiment of voracious human

opening scene in Fred Ubu's for the dead weight of deout after being used once; and family's artic with a moronic daughter glued to the television display card, and then it is off to Miligauland. "Why can't you be King of Poland like Goon show, rather than the design of the dead weight of deout after being used once; and spectators lacking other amuse ment will feel grateful to the three Central School designers, needs the fizzing impetus of a Jeeda Barford, Charlotte Hump-

Football

City bring in Deyna but there is still no place for Robinson

Finnicston, signed from Chelses for £90,000 in June, 1978, has been forced to retire from the game. Finnieston, aged 25, has been played with injuries since joining United and has not played in league match this season. United's manager, Harry Haslam. said: "It's a terrible blow to the lad and the club. It has taken a long time to sort out but Steve has realized that it is the end of

Kazlu Deyna, is recalled to the troubled Manchester City team for tonight's vital home game with tonight's vital home game with Everton, who are also struggling. Devna takes over from Paimer, who has a leg injury and that is the only change from the team that dropped a point to Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

City have now gone 15 games without a win and their manager, Malcolm Allison, said: "We have both got 28 points from the same number of games so this match is

both got 28 points from the same number of games so this match is doubly important for both teams. We squandered a 2.—0 lead on Saturday through lack of composure. If we had kept possession and slowed it down I don't think the would have had any problems." me would have had any problems."
There is still no place in the line
up for the 5750,000 striker Robinson, although be come on as a substitute against Arsenal a fortnight 250. Everton recall Kidd, their leading scorer. He has recovered from a knee injury and suspension.
Macari could end a run of 39
consecutive games for Manchester United at Nottingham Forest to-night. Macari sustained a damaged Palace on Saturday but he travelled with the team yesterday. United's manager. Dave Sexton, is hoping to choose an unchanged side for the third successive game will make no final decision until today. Cherry, the Leeds United and England player, makes his 300th Learne appearance for the club atainst Middlesbrough at Elland

Colin Bell, the former Man-

chester City and England inter-

national, is planning a comeback

with the North American side, San

Jose Earthquakes. Bell retired

from the game last season after

a serious knee injury and he did

not play in his own testimonial match. However, he is considering

the offer from the Earthquakes manager, the former Manchester United full back, Bill Foulkes.

There should be no problems about the move if Bell decides to go. His football league registra-

tion was cancelled last season and

by he is a free agent.

Bell collected compensation for his injury but City's secretary, Ernard Haiford, said: "If he does go it should not affect the

Cherry has recovered from an ankle knock he picked up in the defeat at West Bromwich on Satur-

day.

The Leeds manager, Jimmy Adamson, whose team has won only one of their last 10 League matches, may recall Comoor, the 17-year-old striker who was dropped on Saturday after a run of 20 games in which he scored six goals.

Half of Norwich's first team

players go on trial tonight, with their future at Carrow Road at The manager, John Bond, has reacted sharply to a run of 12 games without a win that has ruled out any chance of European

football next season.

Mr Bond said: "I might let Mr Bond said: "I might let five or six go, but if they are prepared to show what they can do between now and the end of the season, then I may change my mind". Norwich could find their attack weakened by the absence of Fashamu. He has a thigh in their

sence of Fashanu. He has a thigh injury
Ipswich Town make two changes for tonight's match at Tottenham. Their Dutch international midfield player, Thissen, returns after missing the 1—1 draw with Derby County because of a stomach upset. Beattle is ruled out with a knee strain and Hunter takes his place.
Chelsea will again be without their recent £50,000 signing Viljoen for the second division promotion battle against Queen's Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge.
Viljoen was signed shortly was signed before the transfer deadline to add experience to the young Chelsea side, but a rib injury received in training last week has not healed.

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Worthington, a former England striker, could be ruled out of Birmingham City's two second division promotion games over Easter. A disciplinary commission in London will today conditions are recording Worthington for sider suspending Worthington for reaching 30 points this season.

Comeback plans | Harvey in charge Swimming -

at Carlisle

Martin Harvey, Northern Ire-land's assistant manager, was installed yesterday as the new manager of Carlisle United. Mr Harvey aged 38, has been caretaker-manager, since Bobby Mon-cur left to take over at Heart of Midlothian, two months ago. He has steered the third division club to an unbeaten run of eight games, and despite ruling him-self out of the running for the manager's chair two mounts ago. he said yesterday that he was delighted to be offered the post. But the move leaves a question mark over Mr Harvey's future as assistant to the Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham. Mr Harvey will have talks with Mr Bingham over the next few days to decide whether he can combine the two jobs.

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Russians will be represented at Leeds meeting

the other problems in this world. As it is, sport is itself on a down-hill path in many areas at a territying pace; it is a downhill path from which there is no return unless we, the present generation, do something about it."

Mr Pickering attacked the use of "uppers and downers" in American sport—" a dreadful and codless see-saw"—and cited gymnastics, once the most aesthetic

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nastics, once the most asstnenc sport for women, but whose par-ticipants were now "stunted dwarfs". These undeveloped anorexic "girls" were taking enormous risks with their own bodies. Athletics had recently put sport into a crucible with its

appalling decision to reinstate five Eastern European women who had been benned for life for taking anabolic steroids:

The problem, he said, was com-

Moscow, April 1.-The Soviet Union will send a team to the international swimming match in Leeds, later this month. The Russian party has not yet been chosen, but "we will definitely be going ", a spokesman said. Teams from Britain, The Netherlands, Italy, Norway, Sweden. Czechoslovakia and West Germany are due to take part in the Leeds nternational from April 11 to 13. British officials in London said British officials in London said there would be no ban on visas for Russian swimmers coming to Britain. The British Government has called for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics because of the propaganda value they offer to the Soviet Union while it maintains its armed intervention in Afghanistan. But Russian attendance at sports meetings in Britain is not regarded as falling into such a category, the sources said.—Reuter.

Ice hockey RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: | NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Workington Town v Leeds (6.0). | Rangers 7, Deposit Red Wings 5.

said .- Reuter.

Motor racing

Regazzoni's accident will be investigated

Long Beach. California. April 1.—A hospital spokeswoman says there, is a possibility of the Formula One driver Clay Regazoni after the crash of his formula One driver Clay Regazoni after the crash of his ensign car. His crew said his brakes failed as he approached a surgery doctors realigned and surgery are to take pressure of the spressure of the spressure of the spressure of the nerves. He also suffered at 160 mph on Sunday in the Long Beach Grand Prix.

The accident, and others in Grand Prix racing this month, have set in motion a safety investigation by the Federation International du Sport Automobile (FISA), officials at FISA head
"We may know in two days, International du Sport Automobile (FISA), officials at FISA head-quarters in Paris have confirmed. It is reported that the investigation will stress protection of the driver in the cockpit, and look into whether builders have discarded safety in the name of reducing car weight. During the race won by the Brazilian, Nelson Piquet, it took

morement of his legs when he was brought to the hospital and no change in that condition when he left the operating room.

"We may know in two days, or it could take several months before we can tell the extent of damage." she said. "There is a possibility of permanent paralysis but it is still to early to say."

Doctors immediately began tests to check any reaction in the lower part of Regazzon's back, and further tests have been planned.

Jody Scheckter of South Africa, Jody Scheckter of South Africa, the 1979 driving champion and president of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association who finished fifth in the race, had said before the event: that, "the constructors are sacrificing safety for speed, particularly in the cockpit area". He added, "there is not enough material around the driver to protect him at impact. Either the cars must be slowed down or the cars must be built safer, or both."—AP.

Drugs could be in for a big push from the prop and lock forwards

Dr'JPR' puts rugby on the danger list

By Richard Streeton

That dang testing might become necessary in rugby was conceded by J. P. R. Williams, a former Welsh international full back and doctor, when he spoke at a recent conference in London on medicine and sport. A questioner had pointed out that anabolic steroids, which developed size, weight and strength, would be ideal for oron and lock farwards. weight and spengin, would be ideal for prop and lock farwards.

Had Williams, he asked, come across drug-taking during his rugbs career? "Not in this country or the other main rugby-playing places I have foured," Williams said. "But it would certainly become a factor now that so many other countries, like those in Eastern Europe or Russia, are raking up the game. The stage could be reached when rugby players for dope."

These remarks were taken up by Ron Pickering, a former British national athletics coach. "If J.P.R. thinks there is no drug-taking in rugby, I only hope he is not writing to be and did. he is not going to be as dis-illusioned one day as those people who think that there is no drug-taking in soccer."

In an impassioned attack on drug-taking in sport, Mr Picker-ing said the problem was much more serious than most people believed or wanted to believe. "Most of us hold the view that sport should be a sanctuary from the other problems in this world.

plicated because we lived in a phicated because we lived in a drug-orientated society with cer-tain things having become accept-able. He instanced neurectomy and said that, without this treat-ment of the animals' nerve-ends. ment of the animals' nerve-ends, neither show jumping nor horse racing could survive one week.

"The legislators, coaches, teachers, athletes, managers, trainers, media, physicians and pharmacists—all of us must get round the table in honest endeavour and give a lead. We owe it to sport for, at its best, it still offers man the greatest happiness, on the most convenient terms, available anywhere. available anywhere.

"As it is, the vast majority of

us gobble an Aspirin here, gulp an antibiotic there, whiff a de-congestant now or a few grainmes of pleotine then; we take a little

Moscow, April 1.—The biggest new areas for the Olympic Games look like untidy construction sites now, but Soviet officials say they will be ready well before the start

of competition in July. Everyone in the Moscow Games organising commutee (OCOG) has a countdown calendar on his desk and is

well aware that today there are only 108 days until the opening ceremony on July 19.

Political battles rage in other

capitals over which countries will foin the United States in hoycotting

Soviet government's armed inter-vention in Afghanistan. While

Soviet government officials and the press defend against the American and British charge that attendance at the Games would give the Rus-

sians a propaganda victory and indicate approval of Soviet foreign policy, the technicians and builders

are getting on with the job of pre-paring impressive facilities for Games athletes.

Spring is late in arriving in Moscow, and there is still a light covering of snow and ice on the

city—the only big site not yet com-pleted. The main Lenin Stadium.

where athletics and the football inal will take place, was built in

the 1950s and renovated before last summer's Spartakiad, the Soviet national games, leaving the organi-sers with funds to concentrate on

secondary facilities.

The huge development on Mir
Prospect (Peace Boulevard), includes a magnificent swimming and

diving area and the vast Olympic covered stadium, with a floor space the size of a football patch. This is

being divided in two by a sliding wall to provide separate halls for baskethall and boxing. Even today, with mud and rubble

surrounding the area, unfinished approach roads and construction equipment, and swarms of workers

the project generates excitement in sports-minded visitors. The Moscow press this year show no echo of the near-panic which prevailed in Mon-

treal four years ago when officials were worried whether the main stadium would be finished by the opening day.
"We have been up to 30 days

behind schedule on the Mir Pros-

Officials say sites will be

ready in plenty of time

Olympic Games

opiate in our cough syrup, a jab of Novacain from the dentist, caf-feine to start the day, alcohol to mellow it and a sedative to blank it out at bedtime. The trouble is we expect athletes to be different from us. We must condemn and carry out tests and persuade every other nation to do so even though we shall be judged in terms of our civilization and its own standards of ethics."

Mr Pickering said young athleses found the anomalies that arose hard to understand. There had been more than a hundred deaths in the name of sport in the Many in the tame of sport in the Manx motor cycle races; cases of broken necks in rugby; in France. Maurice Herzog was a national hero when he cut off his own toes when suffering from frostbite while climbing a mountain,

pect site, but I can assure you the buildings will be completed and grass will be growing there on May 15," Igntaty Novikov, the head of the Soviet organizing committee, a Soviet deputy prime minister, told members of the

minister, told members of the International Olympic Committee

press commission at the weekend. There are 8,000 workers on the site, he said, and with all import-ant construction completed, there

are only fluishing touches, techni-cal equipment and landscaping to he done. The indoor arena can be converted to a 40.000-sear

covered football stadium, allowing that popular sport to be played in Moscow's arctic winter, which

has been the off-season for the

Now it stands open, without the dividing wall, but with moveable banks of sears being completed on the floor. The basketball half of the hall will seat 16.000 spectators, with 18,000 more places for simultaneous boxing competition. With ready access to a Moscow Metro (underground railway) station, it can handle huse crowds there and

can handle huge crowds there and at the nearby swimming complex. The swimming pool looks even

further from completion, but Alexander Sedov, deputy director of the press services department,

told the visiting reporters that lay-ing of tiles would be finished this week and the first water would be

pumped into the two pools by mid-April. A plate glass wall divides the 10.800-seat swimming pool from the diving pool, where

5,700 people can watch. Robert Helmick, the American lawyer who is general secretary of the International Amateur

of the International Amateur Swimming Federation (Fina), has been in Moscow recently, according to the Soviet news agency Tass, and can offer technical advice on the conditions which the pool must meet. After being tested with water, its filtration system must be approved and then the precision electric starting.

the precision electric starting timing and results system must be

is the indoor velodrome. The steeply banked cycle track is 333.3 metres long, and there are sears for 6,000 under the artistic curved

Another of the very impressive new sites, closer to completion,

Modern folk heroes were not C. B. Fry or the Corinthian Casuals but people like Keith Moon, Sid Vicious and Elvis Presley Among other points to emerge from the conference, Williams and David Wilkie, Britain's Olympic. swimming champion, agreed that all champions shared a belief in themselves. "American coaches themselves. "American coaches: tell you that winning is not every-thing, it is the only thing." Wilkle said. "They pile on the pressure and you are expected to win. You have to think positively. There is no way you are going to win if you do not think you are going to you do not think you are going to win. In that context I believe you really can teach people to win."
Williams said: "All champlons know they are going to win. In contrast, their opponents only hope they are going to win. That extra something is not easy to define, though it is part of an individual's make-up and is sometimes called the killer's instinct?" Williams also had views on coaching. "When Rugland won the World "When England won the World Cup in 1966 it was a wonderful thing for England, but workrate and fitness, I gather, took the place of skill. In rugby today the emphasis is all on physical fitness, with not enough time spent on teaching skills. It is up to individuals, surely to get themselves fit; coaches should concentrate on implanting skills."

George Gandy, who has worked When England won the World

implaining skills."
George Candy, who has worked with Sebastian Coc at the students stilledes club at Longhberough University, outlined gymnasium, weightlifting and gymnasium. gymnasium, weighthiting and other training techniques that had built up Coe's body strength. Some four years ago, when he first met Coe, he had not been impressed by the runner's ability: his legs buckled under pressure and his trunk was too willowy. His performances had improved dramatically and his times could not have been lowered to the same not have been lowered to the same extent by just running.

"If you want to Compete in formula one", Mr Gandy said, "you first of all build a formula one car and tune it up. That is the coach's job. You don't take a mini and try to tune it. I think that 20 years ago hard work and character were perhaps emough to break records. I don't think it is enough today.

Cricket **Centenary Test** goes to Bird

H. D. ("Dickie") Bird has been appointed to take charge of the Centenary Test between of the Centenary less between England and Australia at Lord's in August. The fixture will mark 100 years of Test cricket between living Test players have been invited.

Bird said at his Barnsley home yesterday: "It is unbellevable.

It is the crowning appointment of my career and has put the icing on the cake. I have had two World Cup finals and 46 internationals since my first appointment in 1973.

Piell's partner in the Centenary Bird's partner in the Centenary

Test will be another experienced official. David Constant, a former Kent and Leicestershire player, in his 12th season as a first-class

Rugby Union

Stand-in school ste limelight at Presto

Cardinal Allen, from Liverpool; crowned three days of exhillariting rugby by winning the all England achools 15-a-side festival, sponsored by Wilkinson Sword, on the Preston Grasshoppers ground yesterday.

Against Bradford Grammar School in the final they scored the only try, in extra time. Hartley, at centre, dived over the line on to a ball which had been kicked ahead after a pass was dropped in a breakaway. For Bradford it was a disappointment and, they would claim, an injustice. They had more of the game and had earlier beaten Cardinal Allen, 12—3, In

one of the group matches. Though the final was the 93rd game of the tournament, both teams still played textbook at top speed. Once the straining backs had possession, the ball was whipped from wing to wing and only instant tackling checked pro-gress.

only instant tackling checked progress.

If fault could be found it was with the goalkicking. Had it been better several games would have ended differently A penalty kick by Wheelhouse could have won the final for Bradford had it found its mark instead of the post.

Cardinal Allen proved the tournament dark horses. Their entry was notifed last Friday, when they agreed to take the kicked a penalty goal Cardinal Allen provide have won the final for Bradford had it wollenges. A wolversteen Hall for Cardinal Allen proved the foundament dark horses. Their final Bradford & distinguished the control of the post.

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Rugby League

Woods hopes for cleme to play in sell-out final

By Keith Macklin
The amazing enthusiasm for the
Rull v Hull Kingston Rovers
Challenge Cop final at Wembley Challenge Cup titual at Wembley has, if anything, been underestimated. It was well known that the population would rush for the
remaining adlocation of tickets as
soon as Hull qualified to meet
their neighbours, but the speed
of the rush has taken even hardened Rugby League officials by
supprise.

surprise.

A spokesman at the league headquarters in Leeds said yesterday:

"It books likely that the whole of
the remaining allocation will have
been snapped up by Good Friday.

This means a sell-out attendance
of more than 95,000 at Wembley
on May 3."

Despite the apparently parochial
nature of the contest, the match is
arousing great interest throughout

arousing great interest throughout ail Rugby League areas. So great is the rivalry between the sides that reverberations from it have been felt from Wakefield to One man whose attendance at

the final is no longer in his own hands is Paul Woods, a Hull back-who received a severe suspension of nine matches last week and who will miss his Wembley date

mittee reduces his set Woods has an unex to play at the appeal the 21-year-old Rovers player who by Woods's high ta England v Wales game a personal letter to the supporting Woods's reduction in sentence It is a nice gestur the pleasantest young game. Evans told me think Paul meant to think Paul meant to dangerously. I cannot anything of the incic was concussed, but people rell me, I side and he threw out he reflex action. As a ple what Wembley mean thrill of a lifetime.

hate Paul to miss ou something which h A splendid gesture ... but whether the coma impressed is another Woods had previously yellow card for a foul land full back. Fairbt will be one of the racking days of Pa

Crews' problem is infectious distance each time, hu

By Jim Railton It was Oxford's turn for back problems yesterday. The Oxford Blue and No 6 Chris Mahoney was rested for the afternoon's outing and his place taken by Richard Emerton, sixth man of the Isis

Emerton fitted in well but he is some 221b lighter, according to the official weights recorded last week than Mahoney, a key man in this year's Oxford line-up. Last Friday for one outing Cambridge's James Laurie was rested. Last year it was gastric infection just before the Boat Race. This year it is backs.

The Oxford president Rankov appears confident that Mahoney will be over his problems by today when no matter what. Oxford plan to race the British light-weights, the country's fastest club weights, the country's fastest club crew, who last week beat Cam-bridge by almost a length. The lightweight eight's coxswain, Simon "Kamikaze" Jeffries, is under the impression, too, that today's race will be from Ham-mersmith Bridge to Putney Bridge —the exact distance raced against Cambridge last week. Oxford's contest today together with Cam-bridge's battle against London Uni-versity will surely be the last real action before Saturday's Boat Race

sent delicately poised.

Yesterday was the full before the storm and everybody seemed in benevolent mood. The Cambridge launch brokes are arrived in the afternoon benevolent mood. shaft and rudder on some immersed object. That led to the rare sight of mixed Blues of Cambridge supporters including this year's umpire Alan Burrough riding on board Oxford's Bosphorus complete with dark blue flag ing on board Oxford's Bosphorus
complete with dark blue flag.
Cambridge coach Graeme Hall
came on board the press launch
to carry out simulated stake boat
starts. Last week he grew in
stature, saving the press launch
and its occupants who were perilously adrift.

My impression yesterday observ-My impression yesterday observing both crews starting was that Oxford depart cleaner and smoother while Cambridge appear to generate more power but with a resultant splash. They appear to liave relative speed off the mark which is hopefully the case if this year's Boat Race is not to be decided in the first minute. Cambridge's best start of the morning was an evenly paced 10-20-40 in a minute which took them out some distance. distance.

In the process of sharpening up both crews put the emphasis on starts. Oxford lined up alongside Isis for five short bursts, making

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Borg shows no sign of lack of tournament play

Borg, the defending champion and first seed, warmed up for this event by winnin gin Nice last week. He had clearly not suffered from a lack of tournament play carber this year, having beaten McNamara in Nice as well, and llowed him onl youe more game

In his victory in \$1 minutes Borg lost his service onl yonce, when he led \(\displaystyle \) in the second set. He then took the next two games for victory and a second-round match against (van Lendl, a 20-year-old Geelleslovakian. John McEnroe, of the United

States, seeded second, was not put to the test in the singles because he asked for an extra day off to

Monte Carlo, April 1.—Bjorn Forg, of Sweden, made few errors in defouring Peter McNamara. of Australia, 6—2, 6—2, today in the first round in the S187,000 Monte McEuroe came through satisfactorily in a first round doubles match. He and Vitas Gerulaitis, of the United States, beat Eric Deblicker an dPatrick Proisy, of France, 5—3, 6—4. McEuroe is due to play his opening singles against Kim Warwick, of Australia, tomorrow.

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NEW ORLHANS: Men's singles, first mann; R. Tropolo (SA) best J. Lloyd (GB), 7—5 b—4.

Show jumping

Strong entry at Birmingham

Green hunter classes, run on American lines, have long been advocated by David Broome and will be seen for the first time in England when the Birmingham International show starts its fiveday run tonight.

Most of the leading show jumpers in the United States started their careers in these classes and Broome believes that horses appreciate considerably in norses appreciate consistent in them, because they are judged not only on their jumping ability but also on the style in which they perform. They are not ridden by the judges, who are in this case Warren Wofford—at present serving as a colonel in the United up £9,000.

By Pamela Macgregor Morris States army, but is home for the show—and Lady Mary Rose Wil-liams, who has judged them in the United States.

Mr Wofford, who has lived in Mr Wofford, who has lived in England since marrying Dawn Polethorpe in the 1950s, has drawn-up the rules on American lines and they have attracted entries from exhibitors such as Robert and Gillian Oliver, Colonel and Mrs Guy Wathen and Mrs William Henson

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Eddie Machen. Paul Schockemöhle. Gerd Wiltfang, the world champion, Johan Heins and Hugo Simon, the World Cup holder. will be contesting Sunday's World Cup qualifier and also the Grand Prix on Sourday for which Prix on Saturday, for which Everest Double Glazing have put

How a table tennis career stretching round the world ends in Europe

Putting on the style that gained friends

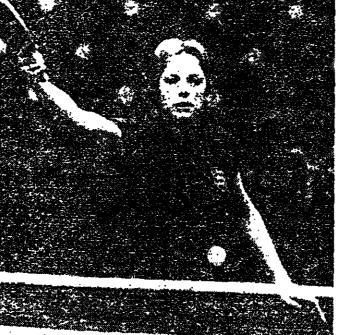
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Easter weekend helps to
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representative career. After 425 on Saturday mark the end of her representative career. After 425 international appearances, and 13 years at the top, she has had enough of the travelling and training involved by her status in the same game.
The little 10-year old girl, whose

promise was first spotted in the Slough British Legion Club, has travelled a long way in every sense. She has also completed the journey without making an enemy on five continents. International matches in table tentis tend to proliferate with six or more contests possible in the team events at European and world champion-ships, but Mrs Hammersley's consistent form and durability have still been remarkable. She leaves table tennis with an MBE and the respect and friendship of her rivals from Prague to Peking. Budapest to Pyongyang, Moscow

to Tokyo.

As a player Mrs Hammersley, now aged 28, has been famous in an era of hard hitters for her flawless defensive technique. She has always possessed the killing smash when necessary but her strength has been an extraordinary ability to return her opponent's shots safely. At the same time she has avoided being montonous to watch: there have been too many variations in her famous backband chop for that. Few women in the history of table tennis have been able to disguise heavy spin so well or.
sometimes there is no spin at all.
The outcome is the same for her
opponents, a netted return or a
shot that has carried off the table.



Jill Hammersley: Too many variations for monotony.

It has been a playing style that according to those who know her best, has reflected her own personality, which is basically placid and homely, it has always been Mrs Hammersley who has soothed the tense and worrying moments at airports and tournaments for yourhful newspapers to the circuit. youthful newcomers to the circuit.
It is a confirmatory point in this context that sie has done more than her fair share of sewing on huttons for male teammates; on more than one lengthy tour she

has even out their hair for them. There is a fiery side to her nature but it is primarly reserved for driving, something she concedes is sometimes done too fast and often with intolerance of othe In business she is shrowd and a hard worker; the sports shop and mail order business in Dorking she has with follow internationals Desmond Douglas and Jimmy Walker has quickly established it-Since Mrs Hammerster first

played for England as Jill Shirley at 16, her own approach has hardly altered but she has seen many other developments in the game. It has hecome much faster with shorter rallies; changed hat surfaces have helped put a greater emphasis on spin and service has become more crucial.

Her own slim build and weight have remained the same throughout the years but the greater degree of fitness and dedication necessary has become too time consuming; the dedication and, perhaps, incentives have gone. So

perhaps, incentives have gone. So she has decided to retire before "I get on the downward slope." A realist Mrs Hammersley has Her greatest triumph was to win the European singles in 1976 and the was runner up two years ago. She would like to prove herself the best in the Western world in

Switzerland next week though her preparations have been hampered an unimely attack of "tennis Mrs Hammersley will not be lost entirely to table tennis. She has aiready been appointed non-play-ing captain next winter of the English women's team. There is also an outside chance she might he tempted to enter for the English closed championships next season for old time sake. Her nearest rival in England, Carole Knight, beat her this year, thus depriving Mrs Hammersley of a record seventh success. Without detracting from Miss Knight's form, it was a traumatic time in Mrs Hammersley's life, her marringe having just broken down. In the modern manner she retains a good relationship with her hus-band, who is an accountant and hand, who is an accountant and still looks after her firm's business affairs. Meanwhile in the coming 10 days Switzerland will be the scene for the farewell per-formances of one of the finest ambassadors that English sport has ever had.

Rackets

through to schools final By Roy McKelvie

Mariborough and Wellington will meet in the final round of the schools' racker championship at Queen's Club this morning, in two Officers that this morning, in two different semi-finals Naylor and Swallow, of Marlborough, beat Prenn and Dick, of Harrow, by 17—16, 14—16, 10—15, 15—10, 15—1. 8—15, 15—10 while the brothers James and Andrew Mallinson, of Wellington, beat their own second pair Lup and Alexander, by 16—13, 15—1, 16—15, 17—16.

Though they always looked slightly the better pair, Marl-borough had a battle on their hands. Naylor was the most accomplished player of the four being consistently sound, though the hefty Prenn could out hir him patches.

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Swallows main contribution was his pervice and never more so than in the fourth game when Harrow were leading by two games to one and 10—9. Swallow served out the game for Mariborough and the outcome was that Harrow collapsed in the fifth game to give Mariborough the lead three games to two. Prenn's partner, Dick, had as much trouble in taking service as did Swallow, but he was difficult to beat when positioned up cult to beat when positioned up

The final game was tense and the players were affected by the moment though Naylor appeared the calmest of the four. Swallow gave Marlborough a lead at the start of the game. Dick brought flatrow back to 10—10 and theo Naylor, with a run of five unreturned services, finished it off.

Golf

Rackets Correspondent

and frequently did so when not suffering one of his errance

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The usetch between the two Wellington pairs was a rugged affair with a good deal of wild bitting. The losers had their chances as they led 11—2 in the first game, had one game point for the third and four for

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chanted "KO!", is, and stopped only announced that it was. announced max it was, ockout. The crowd of ifying to Leonard's ver, despite live teleage to 45 million in States, were satisfied. th, Green's manager, aback at the quality of Leonard's hoxing, said today that he and Green would have to think about the future. "It is far too soon to take any firm decision about David's future", Mr Smith said. "About 90 per cent of ring retirements prove to be temporary and that is not what we want to happen.

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"We have go to make up our minds. Dave has gut to have a rest and an ECG test. We will be talking to Dr Adrian Whiteson (the British Boxing Board's senior medical officer) and we'll see if there is any deterioration after this hight. The decision will be up to the board's doctor, myself and David."

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hight. The decision will be up to the board's doctor, myself and David."

In every round we saw a different Leonard: flashy, moody, thoughful, destructive. In the list round he was all bright-eved and disdainful. The Fen Tiger stalked him. Scoring with the left became a formality for Leonard as the East Anglian advanced. The champion's left seemed to be strung out in one long thurring line, like the dashes in the road that run into each other as a car speeds up. Green was baffled, but boxed with what ability he had, and was even ready to match the stares at the end of the round. In the next round Green started to throw those ponderous swings. Leonard had no difficulty in purrying the blows or staying out of range by the breadth of a cat's whisker. Towards the end of the round Green's boldness grew as the champion deliberately backed against the ropes to lead the determined challenger on to his quick counters. When Leonard was almost on the ropes forcen charged in to land one good punch that might finish off his man, but Leonard's backing on to the ropes is like some defender in football dribbling up and down inside his own penalty area. But once Leonard has slipped out and put his opnonent on the ropes, he whips in hurtful blows and then waltzes away to the other side of the ring.

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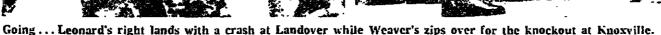
The third was a teasing round. He held Green, leant on him, came in close, cuffed him, bobbed around in front of his tose and, for the first time in his career, I saw Green flinch, screwing up his eyes, if Leonard as much as stamped his feet. Thereafter I was prepared for the knockout. I had heard Leonard telling a friend when he was in his brother's corner earlier that he would end the bout in the fourth. All the same, the speed of those four knockout blows took the breath away.

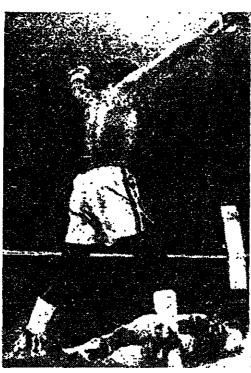
He took control of the fight from the start, as Johnson, seemingly determined to end the bout quickly, missed wildly with roundhouse lefts. Gregory put his opponent down in the third round.

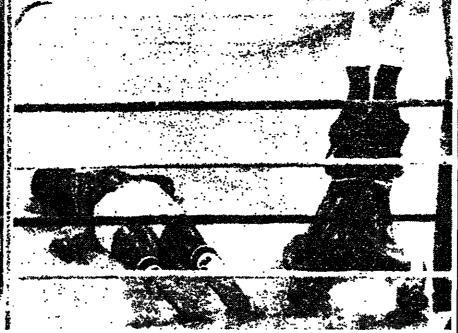
Johnson got up quickly but was forced to take a mandatory eight-

After losing the first three









Gone...Leonard reaches starward as Green lies flat on his back while Weaver gets a kick out of Tate biting the canvas.

ison's short reign is d by Gregory

Tennessee, April 1.in the eleventh round last Novemin the eleventh round last November and this was his first defence. Gregory, an outstanding counterpuncher, constantly beat Johnson to the punch and he also mixed up his attacks well, catching the 25-year-old Johnson with a number of sharp uppercuis to the body going for the head with left hooks and right crosses. But his most effective punch was his righthand lead. ory battered Marvin submission with a rring right-hands and ts last night, stopping the eleventh round to ld Boxing Association r.heavyweight cham-

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Conteh decides that he will not be retiring yet

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Conteh's wife, Veronica, gave her full support for her busband's decision not to retire from the full content fight cradling little Joanna in her arms, Veronica said: "I have put no pressure on John to retire and 1 would never dream of doing so." months, a disappointed Contch have a number of plans in the pipeline but I can't say what they are until the end of the week."

Still appearing stunned by his defect, Conten said, "I will not be taking a holiday—I have not worked hard enough for one".

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Speaking of the likely effect his defeat will have on his commercial contracts, Conteh said, "It's too early to say but that is the least of my worries at the moment."
Conteh hit out at the reports that he ran naked through his hotel after a post-fight parry. "The stories were totally untrue. I did not know what was supposed to have happened until I read it from June 23 to 26.

hs, a disappointed Comeh "He is a very disappointed man
"I am certainly not giving and I do not want him to retire
inhting. I am carrying on, I now, At such a low point in his career, it would be very bad for him as a person and he is not faished yet. We have not discussed the future but whatever decision he makes he will have my total support as his wife."

Bowling sponsors

Lombard North Central, the hanking and finance subsidiary of the National Westminster Bank, is the National Westminster Bank, is osposor the English Women's Bowling Association's international competition and British Isles championships taking place at Whitnash, near Leamington Spa.

Hope to start training again and may defend in June

Maurice Hope, Britain's world light-middleweight champion, has been given the all clear to resume sparring in two weeks and he could be defending his title by June. A scrious eye complaint, which threatened Highe's career, prompted-an operation in January, but he has made a remarkable but he could be ready for a fight in June, subject to the board's decision ".

The next bout for Hope will almost certainly be a title defence against the World Boxing Council's number one challenger, Carlos Herreira, of Argentina and

A laser beam wax was used to seal a hole in the retina and yes-terday Moorfield's eye specialist. Dr McLeod, told Hope he could start sparring again. Dr McLeod will send a report to the British Boxing Board of Control and it will then be up to their chief medical officer, Adrian Whiteson, to decide when Hope can box

again. Hope, aged 28, from Hackney, Hope, aged 28, from Hackney, whose last contest was a voluntary defence against an American, Mike Baker, will be eager to return to action. His manager, Terry Lawless, said: "Maurice is delighted. His eye has responded tremendously. He was always confident he would fight again. He has been keeping in shape by doing some light training.

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Weaver's quick action saves the day

Knoxville, Tennesee, April 1.— This contest was billed as "David versus Goliath" and, as in biblical times, David prevailed, it was also billed as a "tune-up" for John Tate towards a \$14m contest against the former world heavy-weight champion Muhammad All.

against the former world heavy-weight champion, Muhammad Alf, later this year. But Tate lost his World Boxing Association heavy-weight boxing fittle here last night to Mike Weaver. But David, in the form of the lourneyman, Weaver, who had lost six of his first 12 professional bouts, cut down the gargantan Tate, And Weaver did it in Tate's home town before a crowd of

Tate. And Weaver did it in Tate's home town before a crowd of 12,789 during the first defence of the title he won by scoring a points decision against Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa in Pretoria last October 20.

In one of the biggest upsets in the heavyweight distion, Weaver, weighing 14st Sill, knocked out Tate standing bit 4in and weighing over 16st with only 45 seconds lett in the 15th and final round with a right uppercut to the body, followed by two crushing left hooks to the lead.

It was the only way the 27-year-old Weaver could possibly win at that late stage in the contest. Having huilt up an early points lead by driving weaver into the poors

that late stage in the contest. Having huilt up an early points lead by driving Weaver into the ropes with the sheer force of his weight advantige and more penishing blows. Tate was ahead on the scorecards of the referee and two judges going into the final round. "I knew I was behind on points, so they tweaver's hindlers) told me I had to knock Tate out to win it", an elated Weaver told reporters after the bout.

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Having hurt Tate in the twelfth round with a barrage of powerful left hooks and right uppercuts to the head and body that had the champion hanging on, the challenger from Los Angeles was convicted he had the punching power to accomplish the feat.

Springing from his corner as the final bell rang. Weaver caught Tate with a right-hand lead early in the round that snapped the champion's bead back. Tate,

obviously hurt by the blow, responded with a right cross that grazed Weaver's jaw.

It turned out to be his last punch as Weaver moved forward releatlessly, landing two left uppercuts and a sharp right in Tate's body that caused the champion to wince. Before Tate could retaliate, Weaver drove a crushing right hand to the body and two joining left uppercuts to the head that sent Tate crashing to the canvas.

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The count was a formality. The count was a formality. Tate lay unconscious for five minutes. This was a remarkable cometack by Weaver, who considered retiring several years ago.

Tate can blame the former rhampion, ken Norton, for the less of his fifle. The man who dethroned Tate, was on the verge or retiring from the ring shortly after he turned professional in the early 1970s.

"I thought of quitting three, or four times", Weaver said, "but each time my friend, ken Norton, convinced me to stick it out."

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Few people, if any, regarded Weaver as a potential champion at the outset of his career. "I felt I was going nowhere", said the soft-spoken Weaver. "But I was young and I didn't train properly. I was always cutting corners. When I should have been running eight or nine miles a day, I only ran three."

Don Manuel changed Weaver when he came along as his manuer and brought in the veteran Ray Barnes as Weaver's trainer. Things then improved for the manual who had been nickuamed "Hercules" because of his imposing physique.—Reuter.

Jewels stolen: John Tate discovered that jewels valued at \$20,000 had been stolen from his house while he was losing his title.

Boxing

out Tony Dowling (Canada), instround, Las vegas: Lightweight: Alecharque) beat Gerald Hayes (US. piz.

Holmes is far too powerful for his flabby challenger

Las Vegas, Nevada, April 1.— Larry Holmes still reigns as World Boxing Council (WBC) heavy-weight champion after completely out-classing ponderous challenger

The 18 stone 3 ounces Jones had size but little else 10 offer in an inept performance that ended with Holmes stopping him four seconds from the end of the eighth round at Caesars Palace.

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Holmes, weighing a fraction over 15 stone, looked much sharper than in his three other title defences during the last year, during a one-sided contest. Jones, surprisingly fast of hand and foot for a man of his bulk, relied almost entirely on his left hand, but that proved generally ineffective against the powerful punching of Holmes.

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Jones, who had rolls of fat overhanging his boxing trunks, was
peppered with stinging left jabs
and solid left-right combinations
to head and hody before a
barrage of unanswered punches
from Holmes finally prompted the
referete to stee in. referee to step in.

The contender, a 12-1 underdog, explained that he had suffered from influenza and bronchitis just before his arrival in Las Vegas.

"Holmes is a dirty fighter. His best punch is his thumb," he added. Holmes countered, "With punches coming at him 100 miles an hour, how can be say I thumbed him?"

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Muhammad Ali, who had beencontemplating a comehack against
John Tate, dethraned as World
Boxing Association champion last,
nisht by Mike Weaver in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In another championship contest on the same programme in
Las Vegas, Marvin Camel of the
United States ralied in the late
rounds to earn a unanimous
points decision over Mate Parlov
of Yugoslavia in a bruising and
bloody 15-round bont for the
vacant newly created World Boxing Council cruiserweight championship.

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awkward in the first five rounds but his superior foot speed began to turn the tide. The 28-year-old American Indian from Missoula. American indian from Missoua.

Montana, lauded the most damaging punch of the match, a looping left hook on the jaw in the 13th round to open a deep cut over the Yugoslav's right eye.

Referee Ferdinando Hernandez halted the bout for the cut to boat for the cut to be a manifest by De Donald Romes.

examined by Dr Donald Romeo, the ringside physician. The doc-tor let the contest continue. It though Parlov's vision was clearly Camel landed another deva-

stating blow, a right to the face : in the 14th round but Parloy from Pula, Yugoslavia, survived the en-suing onslaught to stage his own-rally in the last round. But it was too little and came too late. thumbed him?"

It was the sixth inside-thedistance title defence completed by Holmes in the 21 months since in the outpointed Ken Norton to win the WBC title in June, 1978. The champion and promoter King indictared that Scott Ledoux would be his next opponent, possibly in May or June. Potential challengers, after that, include former champions Leon Spinks and too little and came too late; although Camel received the worst cut of the bout, a deep gash at the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the corner of his right eye. Blood in the worst opponent in the corner of his right eye. Blood i

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Tarian Prince, M. Scadamore, 9-12-1 N. Twiston-Davies
Cabapeas d'Or, A. Twine, 10-11-11 B. Manufell
Cadwar (D), Mrs A. Downton. 9-11-11 J. De Lisir Wilson
Falir Rambler, T. Tate. 11-11-11 Mrs M. Grouch
Andrew Petrlei, J. Rogerson. 9-11-7 Mrs M. Grouch
Andrew Petrlei, J. Rogerson. 9-11-7 T. Caby
Dancing Brig. T. Rogerson. 9-11-7 Mr. Wheeler
Respectivel, J. Buckingham-Burr. 10-11-7 M. Wheeler
Seme Light, Miss L. Altken. 8-11-7 T. Bunting
Seme Light, Right, R. Voorspuy. 10-11-7 T. M. Voorspuy.
100-30 Fair Rambler. 13-2 Tarian Prince. 10-1 Chapeau d'Or.

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3 Seiler, Than Ever, Bophan, 8-11-5

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HARRIER HURDLE (Novices: £2,149; 23m)

Spanish Savereign. C. James. 7-11-13 G. McNolly
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Waster Socke. O. O'Neill. 6-11-8 J. Suthern
Waster W. Marshall. 8-11-8 Mrs. E. Milchell
Read Raineer, N. Milchell. 6-11-8 Mrs. E. Milchell
Sea Otier. R. Denling. 6-11-8 Mrs. E. Milchell
Braid. Mrs. S. Warning. 5-11-7 G. Candy
Chall Beach. J. Old. 5-11-7 G. Candy
Chall Beach. J. Old. 5-11-7 G. W. Smith
Farmer, R. Hawker. 5-11-7 G. Wanter
Flyweight. M. Madgwick, 3-11-7 B. R. Davies
Silver Tycson. N. Gassell. S-11-7 B. R. Davies
Silver Tycson. N. Gassell. S-11-7 S. Charling
Michellen. Ledy. D. Weeden. 4-11-0
S. Collector. 10-1 Michelham Lid. 12-1 Spanish Sovereign. 14-1

Same-again double for O'Grady

By Michael Phillips

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Racing Correspondent
The Berni Inns Loug Distance
Hurdle is the mainstay of the
programme at Ascot this afternoon. Two years ago, the Irish
trainer, Edward O'Grady, won
both this valuable prize and the
Waterford Crystal Stoyers Hurdle
at Cheltenham with the same horse
Flame Gun and today he is seeking the same double with Mountrivers. At Cheltenham, Mountrivers galloped on much too
strongly for a field that included
Derring Rose, and there is no
reason to suppose that he will not
do precisely the same again this
afternoon. Derring Rose has won at Liver-

pool in the meantime, but even that praiseworthy performance should not be allowed to obscure the fact that he finished mine lengths behind Mountrivers at Cheltenham Furthermore, he will be meeting him on worse terms today. Ross du Vin was another of those who was put firmly in their place by Mountrivers at Cheltheir place by Mountrivers at Chelenam after winning his three previous races.

King Neptune finished third in this race 12 months ago, and the same place is probably the best that his counexions can hope for now. An interesting runner is chemical together who has always now. An interesting runner is Straight Jocelyn, who has always struck me as the ideal type to extel at steeplechasing. However, that illusion was rudely shattered in the annumn when Straight Jocelyn fell in the Hennessy

Nottingham results

Biget Pirate ... E. Johnson (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Prime Capilve, 5-1
Rum Rebhit Rum, 13-2 Binglars Mink,
20-1 Laim's Pride (44h), Ramada,
25-1 Friedend Lass, 9 run,
TOTE Win, 42p; piaces, 11p, 46p,
Tip; dual forecast, 75p, CSF (23.2°),
P. Asquith, at Wetherby, 21, 42.
There was no bid for the winner.

There was in but the wholes.

5.0 (5.1) LORDS STAKES (Handleap:
5-y-0: £1.349: 5()
CHAMP D'AVRIL D 1, by Nordifields—April Twelfth (Lafty
Welr), 9-2 C. Nutter (5-1) 1
Willowbrook Flyer

Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury in November, and again bit the dust in his next race at Cheltenham the following month. Straight Jocelyn has not run since then and doubtless Roddy Armytage, his trainer, is looking to today's race to restore his confidence.

A year ago Remigio won the Merlin Hunters Steeplechase and he looks like doing so again. After Remigio had been beaten by his stable companion, Rolls Rambler, in the Foxbunters Steeplechase at Cheltenham, their trainer, Fred Winter, admitted that he had fancied Remigio more. Winter added that with hindsight he felt that Remigio was far happier racing right-handed and anyone who saw him win at either Kempton Park or Leicester would probably be quick to agree. Going right-handed around those two courses Remigio was always jumping like a dream, whereas at Cheltenham he never inspired confidence.

However, he was beaten only three lengths by Rolls Rambler, and even that defeat cannot be held against him, bearing in mind that Rolls Rambler went on to complete the great hunters double by winning at Liverpool as well.

If Remigio does regain the winning trail he could easily be the first of two to score for his stable. His travelling companion, Snowtown Boy, is my idea of the likely

His travelling companion, Snow-

trwn Boy. is my idea of the likely winner of the Kestrel Handicap Hurdle, which has a lamited weight range. If this were a long handi-

cap, Run Hard Tompion, Shell

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Hertyn (4th). 11-1 Pingalong, 13-1 Lady Lower, 15-1 Vans, 25-1 Loquacity, 8 Fan.

TOTE: Win. 74p: places, 49p. 10p. fig. dual forecast, 24p. CSF, £1.06, i. Prescoil, at Nowmarket. 11, 2°sl.

8-12 Tobermory Bay
P. Eddery (3-1 fav) 2

(S1,547; 2m)

PENWOOD, b m. by Precisice Wood

—Penview J. Archer: 7-7

P. Robinson (15-1) 7

Bonds Best B. Crosskev (12-1) 2

New Top C. Leonard (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 it fav Stewsky.

Calyses Joe. 11-2 Fam Morgans. 12-1

Marzaok, 15-1 Pasku (42): 1-1

Ballic Love. 15-1 Pasku (42): 1-1

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Cercards Cross, Dean's Gigy, 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 85p; places. 24p, 40p.

Burst, Hay Ride, Rushmere, and Mynfadlak would all be receiving much more weight from Snowtown Boy than they will today. In the circumstances, Never Lit Up looks the one that Snowtown Boy has to fear the most, but he finished well having my selection in the behind my selection in the Schweppes Gold Tropby. Schweppes Gold Tropby.

Tumbler, the horse who best Snowtown Boy at Lingfield Park last month must be hard to beat in the Hen Harrier Novices Hurdle, but even his task is not a simple one. His opposition includes Farmer, who ran the race of his life at Cheltenham, where he was runner-up to the Irish hot pot Drumlargan in the Sun Allance Novices Hurdle. However, at Stratford in February, Tumbler gave Farmer 3lb and beat him by a length and a half, and what he has accomplished once he onghi he has accomplished once he ought to be capable of repeating. Finally, on the flat racing from it seems that the wires were buzzing between Ireland and London yesterday, because Hills reported a mass of inspired money for Monteverdi to win both the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby. As a result, they have clipped the Free Handicap leader's price to 7 to 2 from 5 to 1 for the 2,000, and cut his price for the Derby to 5 to 1

STATE OF GOING (official): Ascol: Soft (possible Inspection if more over-night rain). Keles: Heavy, Worester-Acondoned, waterlogged, Tomorius: Southwell: Heavy, Worester: Heavy (mispection 3.0 pm today).

Hereford NH

Ban on jockeys 'severe', Irish authorities say

The three-month riding bans and disqualifications placed on Tommy Ryan and Joe Byrne by the Jockey Club have come under lire from the Irish racing authorities.

Ryan and Byrne were "warned off" for "excessive use and misuse of the whip" at the Cheltenham Festival, which prevents them from attending any jockey Club meeting until June 26.

At a special meeting of the Irish Turf Club vesterday, the stewards, while regretting the incidents, said that they "consider the penalties severe." They added, however, that under the international agreement on breeding and racing, the penalties will apply in Ireland and both jockeys may not tide on their home courses until the end of the ban. However, the Irish stewards have However, the Irish stewards have exercised their discretion in the matter, and bave not declared Ryan and Byrne disqualified persons in Ireland. This means that they can attend Irish meetings as spectators.

Tied Cottage, who failed a dope test after winning the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup last month, is likely to return to the course

tomorrow week to run in the State Express Golden Miller Steeplechase. With Jack of Trumps taken out of the £20,000 added Irish Distillers Grand National at Pairyhouse next Monday. Tied Cottage is now top of the handicap

run. TOTE: Win 60p: places, 40p. 15p: dual forecast, 40p. CSF: 62,40, M. Pipe, 41, 41, 5.0: 2. Pipe Rand (2-1): 2. Bailing (11-10 fav.: 3. Midler Cool (7-1) 8 ran. Marren Dene, Folkfoot's Folky did not run.

TOTE: Wim. 46n: places, 26p, 11p. 15p; dual forecast, 18p, CSF: 45p. P. Calver. 5t. 25t. 5.50 1, Checklo Ora (4.5 fav); 2. Royal Afr (7-2); 3, Red Wasp (2001), 11 rath, TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 10p, 12o, 43p; dual forecast, 17p, CSF: 42p, H. Parry, 1's), 1's). 4.0: 1. Portway Nick '11-8 favi: 3. Little Fieur (10-1): 5. Gay Park (10-2): 10 ran. Shifting Gold, Trentishee did not run. TOTE: Win. 12p; places. 10p. 2'p. 11p; dual foreast, £1.35. CSF: £1.66. F. Smith. 31, 81. 1.30: 1. Raying Toward (7.21: 2. Concorde Giri (6-4 fav): 3. Jack's Walk (9-2): 15 ran. Robbie Lad. Mulnight Warrior did not run.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 13p, 10p, 22p; dust foreast; 25p CSF:, 91p. F. Walwyn. 10j, 4l.

Kelso programme

2.15 SPROUSTON HURDLE (Selling handicap: £403: 2m) 2.13 SPROUSION HURDLE (Selling namica): £405: 2m)

2. 21213 Jean Mariorie (D), D. Yeoman, P. 11.7. M. Stephens 7

3. 21000 Harry Back (D), J. Hubbutk, 14-11-5 Mr. 7, Reed 7

4. 20000 Mr. Resistor (CD), V. Thompson, P. 11-7 S. R. Ruker 7

5. 20000 Hish Pelace (D), W. Wight, 7-11-2 S. Ruker 7

6. 023400 Artsm., R. Allen, S. 101-12 S. Ruker 7

7. 023400 Artsm., R. Allen, S. 101-12 J. O. Nelli 9

6. 00400 My Star Hussar, Miss B. Oliver, 5-10-11 Miss B. Oliver, 4

12. 00400 My Star Hussar, Miss B. Oliver, 5-10-11 Miss B. Oliver, 4

13. 00400 My Star Hussar, Miss B. Oliver, 5-10-11 Miss B. Oliver, 6

14. 005400 My Star Hussar, Miss B. Oliver, 5-10-11 D. Nolan 17

50 Physical Resistor, 12-1 Eaglesham, 6-10-0 D. McCaskill 7

5-2 Young Horn, 3-1 Jean Marjorie, 5-1 Burry Back, 6-1 Artsum, 8-1 My Star Hussar, 12-1 Eaglesham, Moadow Walk, 20-1 others.

2.45 CLYDE BRIDGE CHASE (Handicap : £996 : 2m 196yds) 1 011411 Polars Smartle (CD), R. Goldle, 9-12-0 ... A. Dickman sug013 Brother Will (CD), W. A. Stophenson, 8-11-8 ... R. Lamb 6 001203 Rebble's Park, K. Oliver, 6-10-12 ... T. O'Connail 7 9 34227 Gone Out, J. S. Wilson, 10-10-5 ... T. Grant 1 100-4400 Burgundy Beau (CD), Mrs D. Thomson, 9-10-5 ... Mr T. Dun 9-4 Gone Out, 5-2 Brother Will, 7-2 Robbic's Park, 4-1 Polars Smartle, 10-1 Burgundy Beau.

3.15 TENNENT QUAICH HURDLE (Handicap : £1,396 : 21m) Hetherington -11 004211 Camden, R. McDonald, 6-10-11 Mr W Hetherington 3
17 p2140-p Malents, D. Macdonald, 7-10-0 J. Goulding, 3
1400-00 Canty's Brief, D. Thomson, 7-10-0 R. Lamb
27 0000 Ascet Royals, J. S. Wilson, 9-10-0 C. Grant 92-1 Rydal Mount, 11-4 Camden, 6-1 Golden Lane, 6-1 Peaty Sandy, 8-1 Gold Invader, 12-1 Minimist, 16-1 others.

3.45 BUCCLEUCH CHASE (Hunters : amateurs : £394 : 3m) 1 9-8 Crichton Castle, Miss D. Calder 7-12-0 Miss D. Calder 7-2 Gayle Warning, J. Dudgeon, 6-12-0 A. Dudgeon 7-3 0000s-F daranes, Ars Butchison-Bradburne, 7-12-0 J. Bradburne 7-4 244 Kitta, Mrs. Butchison-Bradburne, 10-12-0 Mrs. J. Bradburne 7-5 Stiched in Time, W. Monteith, B-12-0 W. Monteith, 7-7 Stone Knight, J. Wight, 8-12-0 A. Wight, 7-1-10 Gayle Warning, 4-1 Karanos, 6-1 Kitta, 8-1 Sutched in Time, 12-1 Crichton Castle, 16-1 Sione Knight.

4.15 SPRINGWOOD CHASE (Novices: £810: 2}m)

4.45 BOWMONT HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £501: 2m)

Kelso selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Young Horn. 2.45 Gone Out. 3.15 Rydal Mount: 3.45 Gayle Warning. 4.15 Noble Hart. 4.45 Aversun.

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Phone tapping justified if it protects law-abiding from crime and terrori

The Government believed that new standing arrangements for moni-toring the operation and control of interception of communications would be a valuable additional assurance to Parliament and the public that the powers of interception were exercised strictly, spar-ingly and responsibly, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, declared in a statement.

He announced that the Government had decided not to introduce legislation but that it would be desirable if there were a con-tinuous independent check that interception was being carried out in accordance with the established purposes and procedures. They proposed to invite a senior member of the judiciary to carry

His terms of reference will be: "To review on a continuing basis the purposes, procedures, condibehalf of the police, HM Customs and Excise and the Security Service as set out in the White Paper published today (Command Paper 7873) and to report to the Prime

The House will recall that, following the Vice-Chancellor's judg-ment in Malone v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, my pre-decessor, Mr Merlyn Rees, informed the House on March 8 1979. that he proposed to put in hand a study of the implications of that judgment. On June 13, 1979, I told the House that I had directed that this study should be continued to its completion, and would inform the House of my conclusions

in due course. Since that study began, a number of questions have been raised about the practice and extent of interception. The study has been completed. The Government has also made a thorough review of the procedures and conditions which, since the report of the Committee of Privy Counsellors under the chairman ship of Lord Birkett in 1957, have been the basis of our arrangements

in these matters.

Over the years, there have been minor changes of practice; but in all essentials the principles and pricedures laid down by Birkett continue to be observed, including the fact that interception takes only on the personal warrant

mand Paper which sets out the Birkett principles and procedures as they operate today. It covers, as the Birkett report did, interception on behalf of the police, HM Customs & Excise and the Security Service.

Information about interception in Northern Ireland is excluded from the Command Paper because the need to be able to combat terrorism there makes it undesirable to disclose any details. However, I can assure the House that the procedures, conditions and safeguards set out in the Command Paper are observed in Northern Ireland, subject only to the over-riding requirements for dealing

In particular, the personal authorization of the Secretary for State for Northern Ireland has to be obtained for each individual inter-

The interception of communications, whether by the opening and reading of letters, or by recording and listening to tele-phone communications, is an interindividual in a democratic society. Nonetheless when carried out by the properly constituted authorities it is justified if its aims and consequences help to protect the law-abiding citizen from the threats of crime and violence and

letter interception which reflects serious crime and in particular the on behalf of the police under the warrant of the Secretary of State was not illegal. There is, therefore, no need for legislation to make duly authorized interception lawthat the restrictions and safeguards

has considered this suggestion with great care. The interception of communications is, by definition, a practice that depends for its effectiveness and value upon being carried out in secret, and cannot have force by the normal

Its acceptability in a democratic society depends on its being sub-ject to Ministerial control, and on the readiness of the public and their représentatives in Parliament to repose their trust in the minis ters concerned to exercise that control responsibility and with a right sense of balance between the value of interception as a means of protecting order and security and

the liberty of the subject. Within the necessary limits of secrecy, I and my colleagues who are concerned are responsible to Parliament for our stewardship in this field. There would be no more

If the power to intercept were to be regulated by statute, then the courts would have power to enquire into the matter and to do so, if not publicly, then at least in the presence of the complainant. This must surely limit the use of interception as a tool of investigation.

He drew attention to the fact arrangements set out in the Command Paper published today. His subsequent reports on the detailed operation of the arrangements will not be published; but Parliament will be informed of any findings of a general mature and of any changes that are made in the

> Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Leeds, South, Lab) in questions on Mr Whitelaw's statement, said -I give a firm welcome to the publication of the White Paper. The facts given in it are those which I wish I could have used

I am glad to see the figures on checks were carried out when I was Home Secretary and I accept

Birkett inquiry is necessary before the continuous review suggested in the White Paper is begun. In any event, I welcome the continuous check on the purpose, procedures, conditions and safeguards govern-

ing interceptions.

I hope in whatever form it is done, the allegations about unauthorized tapping will be cleared

work.

From time to time there is a need for the executive to be accountable to Parliament on the

Mr Whitelaw-When we were Opposition we certainly trusted the way he carried out his duties. I have sought to carry them out in mand Paper giving the figures in order to make the position clear. Updating the Birkett inquiry set out as fully as any inquiry could do both the policy and the practice of interception. The role of the monitor, which

will be a continuing one, is valuable and will prove in the long term a more effective check than

on the allegations about unauthorized interception, Section S8
(1) of the Post Office Act 1953 and other provisions in the Post Office Act 1953 and the Post Office Act 1953 make certain unauthorized interference with communications illegal. The only way they become legal is through the warrant of the Secretary of State. That is an important enforcement

rant of the Secretary of State. That is an important safeguard.

Mr Percy Grieve (Solihull, C)—
The first of Mr Whitelaw's duties is the protection of this country from crime, terrorism and subversion. Upon his vigilance depends the maintenance of freedom under the law.

dence in the way Mr Rees, as Home Secretary, exercised his powers in these matters, we have confidence in Mr Whitelaw. We look to Opposition MPs to have similar confidence.

There will be a general welcome for the way in which it is proposed that the judiciary and a high judicial figure will be associated in protecting British subjects in this Whitelaw-Interception plays

an extremely important part in the protection of our citizens from terrorism. It also plays an important part in dealing with sophisticated crime and with drug smuggling. I am conscious that I have to balance interception for these purposes against the liberty of the subject. It is my job to get the balance right. Mr Clement Frend (Isle of Ely, L)—Has any MP ever been the subject of an interception order? Would be consider subdividing the

would be consider subdividing the number of interception orders into those investigated by the police, by Customs and Excise and by the security forces?

We welcome the senior judiciary intervention, Would it not be wise either to publish the name of the person he has appointed at m. conperson he has appointed or to con-sider making it three officers of the judiciary?

Mr Whitelaw-On the last point, I thought it courteous to the House and Opposition to put forward this

the reply given by Sir Harold Wil-son in 1966, which has been subsequently repeated by all Prime quently repeaten by all Prime Ministers, including Mrs Thatcher in February of this year. Sic Harold Wilson said there was no tapping of MPs' relephones, nor had there been since his govern-

ment took office. That was the Government's decision and policy. If there was any development of a kind which required a change of policy he would at such moment as was compatible with the security of the country on his own initiative make a statement in the House

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—Even the Prime Minis-ter of the day was kept in ignorance of the activities and confession of Anthony Blunt Can Mr Whitelay guarantee that he and his successors are kept fully

in the picture on the degree of interception? (Labour cheers.)

Mr Whitelaw-Interception can only take place if I have signed the only take place if I have signed the warrant unless I am given the facts. Aft David Crouch (Canterbury, C)—He said there had been a moderate overall increase in the use of Interception. Can he give an assurance that when he grants his personal warrant, it will be a personal granting and in no way a case of something slipping through his department on a recommenda-tion of his officials on a say-so from him on anything less than a

close personal examination? Mr Whitelaw-When I said there had been a modest overall increase had been a modest overall lucrease I was referring to the figures as given in the White Paper. In view of the increase in terrorism and sophisticated crime of all sorts in the period under review, the figures are modest indeed.

He perhaps has known me well enough over the years to be pretty clear that I am unlikely to put my signature to any document which I have not studied extremely carefully.

Mr Wedgwood Benn (Bristol, South-East, Lab)—There is a wide-spread view that the balance bespread view that the balance between the security of the state and the liberties of the individual, should not be vested in individual, should not be vested in individual, should be brought before Parliament for proper legislation.

In the light (he added) of the great concern there is about rbis, not just in this country but all over the world, will he press urgently that there should be a proper debate where these views can be properly expressed?

Mr Whitelaw—I cannot agree

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester.

C)—Intervention has not only tapping of someone's same procedures and important role in considerable amount of public revenue, but has played an important part in the interception should not apply to interple and that apply to interple that apply to integrit the cases of seizure of heroin and that apply to integrit that apply to integrit and that apply to integrit and that apply to integrit and the individual and important role in consumptions are procedures. In the interception should not apply to integrit and the individual and important role in consumption and important part in the interception should not apply to integrit and important part in the interception should not apply to integrit and interception of over 50 per cent of the cases of seizure of heroin and that apply to integrit and interception and interception of someone's same procedures and interception should not apply to integrit and interception and interception of someone's same procedures and interception same procedures and interception of someone's same procedures and interception of someone's same procedures and interception same procedures and interception of someone's same

this particular case, but I under-stand the argument he put forward. As to the question of debate, I made the position clear.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—Would be refer to the key word used by the former Home Secretary, which is trust?
In a matter that cannot be justiciable and cannot be legislated it is better that this House should look to the Home Seretary of the day whom it can call to account as the person it trusts in establishing the right balance between the undoubted rights of the individual, his freedom and per-sonal privacy, and the equal rights of the state to secure itself. against subversion, espionage and

Mr Whitelaw-This is a matter in the final event that has to be decided on a narrow judgment. This House would, in the long run, regret it if ir removed re-Cabinet, responsible to this House, to some people outside who were not responsible to this Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)

-His department has laboured for a year on this and produced a mouse. Is it right that the judges' assertion that there should be legislation should be turned aside on the basis that this is a matter that cannot be justiciable. matter that cannot be justiciable, when most of the signatures to the European Convention have legislation and when you can apply for a search warrant to search premises of terrorists to a magistrates court but you cannot trust judges with issuing a warrant for telephone tapping? Mr Whitelaw—That was a little ungenerous. Our law is different to that of the other countries he mentioned. We have different procedures. We are right to proceed cedures. We are right to proceed as we are doing. Houesdy, legisla-tion would risk undermining the value of interception to the public without offering any more safe-

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C)—Intervention has not only

dent continuing chec report under this proper to the problement to Pacontinuing check of more valuable and many the circumstational incular to the continuing check.

Mr Alan Clark (Plym C)—Would be comme of this procedure for Mr Whitelaw—The Excise warrants are d entirely with drugs. W

dealing in matters of they would only deal frauds such as setting pany with the purposing the exchequer of l warrants being used

into VAT commitme mate firms and compa Mr James Kilfedder () UU) -Because of the t paign which has bee Northern Ireland over years or more, assumed there will be place in the province in to the rest of the Unit That does not justif to give the figures. concern in Northern in many people believe p many people believe parakes place, conduct Army, and is extended who are not engaged and terrorist activities. Mr Whitelaw—At one a critic of mine for determination about a I am the person, who up for the vital server. Northern I reland and To follow the cot requested would mean.

10 follow the cot requested would mean doing harm to act terrorists in Northern Mr Jonathan Aithe East, C)—The boggs body's house could be just as mich a the freedom of the indicate the country of something of the middle tending of the indicate the country of something the country of the indicate tending tend

Minister's assurance on value of pensions

Pensioners could be assured that rensioners could og assured that the real value of their pensions would be maintained under the Social Security Bill, Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science (C) said when she

moved the second reading. She said the Gavernment recognized that its objective in linking basic retirement pensions to prices rather than prices or carnings had caused concern about the effects on pensioners' living standards, but she believed that the underlying principle was

The clause concerned indicated the Government's firm committo protect retirement nensions against rising prices. The Government regarded this as a minimum, and as and when the economy improved, pensioners and others would share in rising pros-

perity.

There was a need for preent consistency. benefits system was not to collapse under the pressure on it. The keynote of the Government's reform was simplification, with a new legal and administrative framework and the structure of the benefits themselves would be

Resources would be directed towards families with children.
The proposals in the Bill for automatic recovery of overpayment of benefit paid into a person's account had attracted criticism. The Government would bring forward at the committee stage proposals to meet the criticism. Resources would be directed

These were overdue reforms of the supplementary benefit system, designed to give claimants a better deal and to help staff to admini-ster the system in a more equit-

able way. Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab), an able way.

Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab), an Opposition spokesman, said pensioners must be protected against rising prices and this the Government was proposing to do but it was the Opposition's view that pensioners should also share in the higher standard of living which higher earnings made possible. If the system which the Government was now proposing to adopt had heet in operation in recent years it would have resulted in

ment's reason for its proposals was because a saving of 1 per cent on an uprating yielded £130m a

Lord Banks (L) said the Government's proposals constituted a con-siderable assault on the boundaries

of the welfare state. Lady Macleod of Borve (C) said that because of the overlapping benefits rule she was concerned that a widow who had been receiving an invalidity pension when Lady Lockwood (Lab) said there were still some discriminations in the treatment of men and women.

The non-contributary invalidity pension had not been extended to ensure that housewives were cov-ered in the same way as their husbands.

Disabled women had to undergo an additional test as to whether they could perform normal household duries. The invalid care allowance was not available to

married women at all. Lady Vickers (C) said there were not many scroungers in the cate-gory they were discussing today. She had found that many claims could have been made by people who were living in distressed circumstances through no fault of
their own, but they had not done
so either because they had too
much pride or did not understand
how they could get help.

The Countess of London (Ind)

The Countess of Londoun 1100 said that many of the special financial needs of severely disabled people would no longer be met by the supplementary benefit system. These people were being "simplified" out of the system. Discussions should begin as soon as notified agree what financial as possible to agree what financial provisions would take the place of supplementary benefit for disabled

Lady Faithful (C) said she honed the new advisory committee to be set up would be composed of people of understanding and knowledge and not of the "Man from Whitehall" type. They should have a sense of commitment and a knowledge of the work of the spectrum of social security. Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said the system which the Government was now proposing to adopt had heeu in operation in recent years it would have resulted in the retirement pension being 5 less than it was when the Government came into office.

Savings should not be made at the expense of sections of the community unable to afford them.

Lady Elilot of Harwood (C) said the sucial security system should be made as simple as possible so that everyone could understand it. Lord Wallace of Coslany (Lab). an Opposition spokesman, said he had considerable doubts about the Bill and it was appropriate they should be discussing it on April 1.

The Bill was read a second time.

Buying off a strike is a remedy that only lasts until next strike

The Prime Minister said during questions that she hoped work in the British steel industry would soon resume and that they would recover the orders for steel that the country needed.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) earlier said—At a meeting this morning, dock shop stewards throughout the country decided to make the strike in Liverpool docks

in support of the steel workers a national strike, (Loud Conservative laughter.)

This is another example of how Mrs Thatcher and the Government have galvanized the trade union movement against confrontation and the Conservation movement against confrontation. policies. (Renewed laughter.) She should direct her policies towards conciliation and start by dropping the Employment Bill.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—One of the outstand-ing things in the last few weeks of the steel strike has been the way have kept on at their jobs and not given any support to the steel strike. (Conservative cheers.)

Whatever the past may have held, I hope the steel workers will go back today, or next week, and we will be able to recover many of the orders lost by turning out steel of quality, of the right type, and at the right price.

Mr Michael Foot, Deputy leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—Has Mrs Thatcher had a chance of calculating what is the cost to the nation and the burden on the nation which follows from her refusal before Christmas to appoint a reasonable intervention in the steel dispute?

Does she nderstand that ber obstinacy in this matter has cost the country hundreds of millions of pounds? (Labour cheers and Conservative protests.)

Mrs Thatcher-Mr Foot in Opposition only has one reply to a strike and that is to buy it off. (Loud

The Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill was read the third time in the Commons and the Highlands and

Islands Air Services (Scotland) Bill was read the third time and

workers have had to suffer for many weeks without even having had the opportunity of a ballot on whether they wanted to go on strike, or accept an earlier offer.

I hope work will soon resume and we shall recover the orders for street this country needs. steel this country needs. Parliamentary notices

Serving the government of the day

Private Bills

Anyone who sought to undermite the principle that the Civil Service serves the government of the day, of whatever political complexion, was doing a disservice to the ser-vice and to democracy, the Prime Minister said during questions. Mr Archibald Hamilton (Epsom and Ewell, C) asked Mrs Thatcher to comment on a letter in The Guardian on Monday in which an official of the Society of Civil and Public Servants had said that his members in the Department of Health and Social Security might decide to defy the law and not deduct the £12 " deemed " in the

budget from social security pay-ments to strikers' families. Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Baroet, Finchley, C)—I saw the letter. Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for Social Services referred to it yesterday. The person who wrote the letter is not a member of the Civil Service but it is clear that the basis of the standing and reputation of the Civil Service is that it serves the government of the day, whatever the political complexion of that government.

Anyone who seeks to undermine that principle does the Civil Ser-

vice a great disservice—an cause of democracy as well.

Eric Heffer (Liverpool,

wit Eric Heller (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) unsuccessfully sought and emergency debate to discuss the calling of a national dock strike by the docks delegate conference

of the Transport and General Workers' Union this morning in support of the official strike at the Port of Liverpool.

He said the strike had been called for 8 am tomorrow (Wednesday). It could affect the whole recording and the Consument

ccondany and the Government tomor should state clearly what action it would take to end the dispute. pens.

Dock strike debate sought

House of Commons Today at 2.30: Easter motion, Education (No 2: Bill, Lords amendments.

Removing the blinkers.

on athletes Newspaper reports that the Russians had killed 5,000 people in Afghanistan must be taken into account by those considering going to Moscow for something which would be seen by the Russians as giving approval to their policies, the Prime Minister said during

questions. Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) saked whether Mrs Thatcher had seen reports in the past two weeks that 5,000, including women and children, had been killed by the Russians in Afghanistan.

Will she continue her efforts (be asked) to get British athletes to take off their blinkers and realize

that if they persist in going to Moscow, they will be delivering themselves to be exploited by the communist propagandist machine. (Labour protests.) Mrs Margaret Thatcher—I have seen a number of reports in the

press which purport to be cyewitness accounts of those who have
had to flee from Afghanistan and
which indicated what they saw
there. Some members of a football team have sought refuge. These factors must be taken into account by those considering going to Moscow in what would be to the approval to their policies.

The dockers (he said) are cor-

rect in what they are doing. This is important because it hinges on

the settlement or outcome of the steel dispute. It can affect the outcome of the steel dispute settle-

ment.
The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)

said he would not grant Mr Heffer's request today. He realized the recess was near and that there was to be an adjournment debate

We will see (he said) what hap-

Budget paves way for huge unemployment

Mr John Silkin, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Lewisham, Depiford, Lab), said the budget paved the way for a massive and inexorable growth in unemploy
The talk of screeningers and chirkers was nothing new. These words were applied during the 1820s, They deserved the same answer that Clement Attles ware in 1935. ment. For the first time since the war a Tory Government was expressing what Torics had always instinctively believed: that poverty and unemployment were a small price to pay provided that the few

could profit. unemployment in the United Kingdom would have passed the two million mark. Those two million would be unemployed not just for a few days or a few weeks but for years and so long as a Tory Goveroment lasted the number would

place, but to the people who lived in Scotland and the valleys of south Wales, in the north and the north-west it was an old story. Most of them had seen it before and did not believe it could happen

Government had written off. They were areas where they were few Tory votes to be picked up. But there was growing up in these areas an undercurrent of frustration and anger that any govern-ment neglected at its peril. that Clement Attlea gare in 1935. He said that the only real test possible in order to find out the tiny percentage of shirkers from the vast majority of willing workers was an offer of work under the conditions. under fair conditions. If the quality of life was to be improved there must be more

people at work. not less, Industry must be used to provide the work and the manufactured goods that were necessary for that develop-Everyone knew that for the country to thrive it must export more manufactured goods than it

imported. The unhappy truth was that the country had become a net importer. Last year, while exports of manufactured goods remained at the same level the importing of manufactured goods went up by 18 year year.

per cent.

What was the Government's answer? Deflation, more deflation, always defletion. Yet history, even recent history, taught the opposite lesson. The higher the vel of domestic demand, the higher became menufacturing outout and industrial investment. Increased demand was the key to increased investment provided it was not made by excessive imports

Bill to protect fishermen

Mr Auslin Mitchell (Grimsby, Lab) was given leave to bring in the Fishery Umits (Amendment) Bill to ensure that in the event of a conflict between Britain's legislation and Common Market provisions. British courts would be empowered to enforce British law as superfor to EEC provisions.

He said the Bill would give

cence in fortunes herveen those nations such as Iceland, who took

before Britain joined the EEC. The most telling Jesson of recent years (he said) has been the diver control of their own limits, and Britain, which has not enforced the same controls and seen steeks decimated and plundered by confinen-

The Bill was read a first time.

The Government could not reflate the economy, nor would interest rates come down until steps they are taking to bring the could only be achieved a produced some effect.

The remedy to the prospects with more firms surject that lay ahead was in the hands of the compenies. In their own interests, they needed to realize the situation facing them. In

produced some effect.

The remedy to the prospects that lay ahead was in the hands of the compenies. In their own interests, they needed to realize the situation facing them. In 1974-75, the companies woke up to the problems far too late in the the problems far too late in the day.
The Government considered tackling the worst obstacle of

awareness was much greater today The Government believed that because of that past experience, but there were still large numbers of companies that did not recog-nize the cash squeeze that lay ahead. Every board of directors heating inflation was a necessary, although not a sufficient condition for full employment, better public ought to be looking at cash flow forecasts, as well as to their stocks and level of investment. It was hoped that the cost of raw materials and fuel which rose 41 per cent in the last year would not present the came problems in the public sector a difficult The squeeze on liquidity should be broadly comparable in severity to that of 1974 and 1975. Trading

> which but for sterling, would have been far heavier. own interests, was to contain their costs. At the heart of this was the

> No task would be more im-portant in coming months than Despite all the difficulties, many firms were doing well. There was much expansion and many new business starts. There was a great deal of welcome vitality in the economy in all sizes of firms and

He was not rough in an in the second of the permit role to playing the yeomen of the economy (Labour 18 and it wo new jobs and it wo not to encourage them not to encourage the A report by Ca Lybrand commissions there was an excess

not present the same problems in the coming year. British industry had to bear a hideous burden

The task of companies, in their desperate need for managements to convince their work forces of the desperate need to contain their unit labour costs. The survival of jobs and whole firms would depend upon them being competitive in price terms and non-price terms.

increasing understanding among industries. They were nearly achieving as many new jobs as they were losing jobs.

Much productivity could be

The Government ex result of the change; there would be thousan shop factories all ove assisted areas of the co same private sector re go into assisted areas. ment was taking actiquent was taking actiquent also.

In some of the mognature for this purpose to industrial Estates is would be increasing property to the purpose the control of the co small workshop units.

The budget was a mannition of reality, the strategy for creating a strategy for creating a rency and a climate wi encourage enterprise : plus sustaining prosper ing the prospect of republic services are This Government is offered instant solutions.

this demonstrated sco

Composition of Burnha

btr Murk Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said he had instituted a review of the composition of the Burnham Committee with the aim of making any necessary changes for the start of the next school year. on the next school year.

Mr John Farr (Harborough, C)—
As the professional Association of
Teachers is the fastest growing
teachers' body, showing an increase of over 100 per cent in the of the next school year.

past year and numbering nearly 20.000 members, the Burnham Committee would be far more representative if this body was included on it.

Mr Cartisle (Runcorn, C)—He

Mr Cartisle (Runcorn, C)—He would not expect me to prejudge the outcome of the review but part of it is intended to try to get a correct count of the membership of the various unions in teaching. Mr Ernest Armstrong (Durham, North West, Labi—This association represents less than 5 per cent

posed by Government there is greater need for ing profession to speak voice. Any fragmentation tortion of teacher repr would be a disservice to generally.
Mr Carlisle—The teachit desire to carry out a pro-of teachers within the each of the unions, as a my review of the compo Burnham.

conditions were on their the budget offered affirmmework for random (Conservative cheers.)

Mir Peter Bottomley (Gi. Woolwich, West, C)—Wil percentage which a unic need to meet to get tation? Air Cartisle—I will consi The last review of Burn implemented only at the b or 1979 and it was right t its composition again at the

No bartering on EEC

Fach leave between Britain and the EEC must be settled on its ments and it was unlikely that fish could possibly be settled within the same time-scale, Mrs Mar-garet Thutcher, said during questions.

Scottish Nationalists (Western Isles, Scot Nat) had said—following her discussions with Chancel-for Schmidt, suggestions have been made by Euro-fanatics that the overtanding problems should be settled in one pockage.

This would cause a great out-break of race in the country over the question of sheep ment, fishing, oil and so on. These have to be settled as different issues.

Pirs Thatcher (Barnet, I C)—There is a certain an misunderstanding. It d mean that a scittement another. What Chancellor Schmid me is the argument that expect the EEC to settle of lems in a certain time-sca there are certain problem

other countries have which be expected to be settle similar time-scale. I have always said, and sist in saying, that each r. settled on its merits. think, for example, that fis possibly be settled in tha scale.

Clegg not yet to hand

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science (Brent, Novth, C) approunced during questions that. in spite of press reports, he had been informed at noon today that the report of the Clegg Commission on teachers pay had not yet reached Whitehall.

printed by HMSO and publical Command Paper. Fublical expected by April 14-16.

When negotiations take after Clegg, the matter got to the Burnham primary, ary and further education to the Local authorities employers will have to take the effect of the settlems their spending and the rate a

DE Low War

He sald the Bill would give power to control or exclude vessels from EEC countries. The United Kingdom could not do this in British waters now because they had

He continued-1 am informed that it will be confidential until grant.

ditto fangs Australia, plus ALAN COREN, BENNY GREEN, PAUL JENNINGS, HUNTER DAVIES, SIMON HOGGART, BARRY TOOK, ALAN BRIEN, RICHARD BOSTON ...

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Mr Whitelaw, in his statement, the fabric of democracy from the menaces of espionage, terrorism and subversion.

Allegations have been made that

interception is now practised on a of the Birkett loquiry. I hope that the figures quoted in the Command Paper, which bring up-to-date those in the Birkett Report, will provide reassurance on this score. There has been a modest overall increase in the total number of warrants signed and a change in the balance between telephone and the greatly increased use of the telephone since 1957. But, given the very considerable growth in development of the terrorist threat during the intervening years, I helieve that the Figures demon-strate that the use of interception continues to be tightly controlled.

In his judgment in Malone v
Commissioner of Police, the ViceChancellor (Sir Robert Megarry)
found that interception undertaken

under which interception is conducted are, in this country, man ters of administrative practice and not (as in some other countries) of statute. He went on to suggest that was for consideration whether the procedures and conditions gov erning the use of interception should be embodied in legislation.

In its review, the Government therefore be subject to the normal processes of parliamentary control.

the threat which it may present to

sense in making such secret mat-ters justiciable than there would be in my being obliged to reveal them to the House.

Interception as a tool of investiga-tion. The Government has come to the clear conclusion that the procedures, conditions and safe-guards described in the Command Paper ensure strict control of in-Paper ensure strict control of in-terception by ministers, are a good and sufficient protection for the liberty of the subject, and would not be made significantly more effective for that purpose by being embodied in legislation. After announcing the independ-ent check by a sensor member of the judiciary. Mr Whitelaw sald the judge would have the right of access to papers, and the right to request additional information from the departments and organi-

from the departments and organi-For the purpose of his first report, which will be published, he will examine (he went on) all the

in the face of articles published in recent months.

the amount of telephone tapping and the clear statement on procedures, conditions and safeguards that have followed. On safeguards, I can confirm that the continuous they are carried out now. The question is whether another

up.

I have always felt that trust in the ways a Home Secretary carries out his duties is vital. Whatever form form of legislation, whatever form of White Papers, unless there is complete trust, no procedures will work.

bass of a suitable inquiry, accountable in a way that takes into account the secrecy that is vital, particularly over terrorism.

The White Paper says clearly that the procedures are carried out in Northern Ireland, It would be the height of folly to give numbers of any cort in Northern Tecland. of any sort in Northern Ireland.

I have not made up my mind on
the need for legislation. I shall
read the White Paper carefully and then I hope we can have a

exactly the same way as he and all my predecessors did.

I felt it right to update the Birkett inquiry and put out a Com-

Conservative cheers.) That remedy

only lasts until the next strike.
Mr Foot—Since the Prime Minister
talks about buying-off strikes, does
she think the appointment of this
latest inquiry was buying off the
strike? (Labour cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher—This was an arbi-tration—(Labour protests)—which was in one of the agreements of

one of the trade unions which they

could have had many, many weeks ago. (Conservative cheers.) They

might have been back to work a lot

earlier, but they refused to have arbitration, even although the Bri-rish Steel Corporation wished to

Mr Foot-She is the person who

refused to have an inquiry—(Con-servative protests)—and blocked

servative protests)—and blocked the door to any intervention then

when is she going to take her responsibility in these matters?

Mrs. Thatcher—I really must correct Mr Foot. He knows full well that is not true. We said in this

House a number of times when the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Callaghan) was here that the BSC

would have gone for arbitration or mediation. It took some time before the unions would accept it

Mr Foot knows that so there is no

Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C)—On the outcome of the steel strike, the majority of people in this country are more than satisfied that the Government has not

istied that the Government has not been a party to the dispute. (Conservative cheers.) Mrs Thatcher should further reflect that if only the workers had been given the opportunity of a secret ballot, it

would have been settled long ago.

Mrs Thatcher-I know that the

point in proceeding in a denial.

have it.

proposal and then to decide and discuss who would be appropriate. As for MPs, I would refer him to

Difficulties admitted as Government seek change hostile climate facing industry

service and better benefits. Return-ing to monetary continence means

and interest rates were unlikely

be reduced.

Profit margins, dangerously low

in real terms, would be squeezed

in real terms, would be squeezed and many firms would face serious cash flow problems. Because the average contained the relatively better performance of the North Sea industries, manufacturing companies would be worst hit.

With real profits so low manu-

with real profits so low manufacturing companies would have little, if any, fat to cushion them from this year's difficult forecast the

said) there is little the Govern-

With real profits so low, manufacturing companies would have little, if any, fat to cushion them from this year's difficulties, Sir had been teaching economics for decades had said that the subject of entrepreneurship was novel to It was nothing short of marvel-Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said in opening the final day's debate on the budget. Ious that despite the hostile economic, industrial and intellectual climates. British manufacturing business had done relatively well. However, he regarded it as nothing short of marvellous that despite the bostile economic The Government's main aim was to reduce the cost of financing the public sector and thus to get interest rates down. The Chancellor climate the hostile industrial relations climate and the hostile in-tellectual climate, British manu-

was tacking to all: inflation.

facturing business had done relarively well. Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North-East, C) said that one notable feature of the budget had been that throughout the Chancellor had drawn a distinction between those aspects of economic life over which the Government had control

and those aspects over which it control. That was a realistic, and, alas, a That was a realistic, and, alas, a conditions in the short term were novel way for the Chancellor to approach his task. The performance of industrial to the strong. the Government's power to control and nor was the rate of growth, but both were products of a wide range of matters. However, to some extent, but not entirely, within the Government's power was the climate within which in-

dustry operated. For some time the climate within which industry had to operate had been hostile. There had been a surfeit of control, too much regulation and excessive tax on individuals at all levels. Industry had tended to be crowded

Industry had tended to be crowded out by Government and public sector spending.

The industrial relations climate within which industry had had to operate had also been hostile with an imbalance of power in favour of unions. The international climate had also been hostile to industry.

He had recently seen a paper in an imbalance of power in favour of unions. The international cli-mate bad also been hostile to industry.

He had recently seen a paper in

catastrophic, and in his words,

There was an adage that lightning never struck twice in the same

again.
These were the areas which the

ment statched and coulded together

Britain's defensive weakness

Mr Francis Pym will today unveil his first Defence White Paper to a nation which, in the shadow of the Afghan affair, is probably more concerned by subject than at any time during the decude that has passed. Reflecting this, it will he, by Whitehall standards, a bumper issue, with a sup-plement full of statistics to

detail the military balance and Britom's contribution to it. It will confirm as already amnonced, a three per cent rise in defence spending during 1980-81, with a defence budget at current prices of more than £10,600m. Dut there will be no announcement of what will replace Polaris as Britain's strategic deterrent in the strategic deterrent in the 1990s; no decision on whether not the Army will be allowed to buy the Challenger tank-a Europeanized version of the Shir-2 which was originally designed for the Shah; no disclosure of the bases likely to be chosen for American ground-launched cruise misules in this country; and no announcement of the Armed Forces pay rise which

fell'due on April 1. Those decisions have still to be made. More important how-ever, it is doubtful how far the Write Paper will answer those chief who argue from time to ting that Britain's defence profile does not stick out far cannot in the right places.

The weakness of Britain's defence policy is in a sense its trength. It is not that we do too little, but that we arruably lergely an accident of our history and geography rather tion, the product of any defence philosophy. Indeed the real weathness is perhaps that our defence philosophy is too blurred or that we do not apply it as nositively as we should. By trying to cover so many contingencies we end up by covering none of them to everyone's satisfaction—except in our training and discipline, whose standards compare well with those of any other country

Britain's forces are admirably halanced, and so is our con-tribution to Nato. We con-tribute a count to the alliance's Northern Army Group in West Garmany; a new which is still the largest in Western Europe; an air force which has to defend the largest air space in Nato Europe. The Royal Marines have a commitment to the defence of Nato's Northern Flank in wartime-and, most topically, we support the only Nato-committed strategic deternert outside the direct control of the United States president. On ton of this Britain has 13,000 soldiers tied down Northern Ireland, and smaller pockets scattered round the world in Belize. Cyprus, Gibraliar and Hongkonghose government now pays the lion's share of the cost.

With Britain's economy in, to say the least, an uncertain condition one is forced to question how long the Goveroment or its successor will he rable to sustain all the present effort in defence. This is not an argument for spending dess- it is rather an argument for once more examining the priorities in the defence hudget and questioning whether Britain should not concentrate ire limited resources on a more limited number of areas.

There are, of course, other atternatives under which for exemple Nato might shoulder some of the costs of the strategic deterrent through the alliance's infrastructure fund.

The last Defence Review conducted by the Labour Gov ernment in 1974-75 degenerated into the usual conflict between the Right and a Left whose attitude to defence has remained sadly negative. There remains a case for another, more positive review of defence needs in Britain which might ensure we have our priorities right and that our forces have the best equipment available to perform the jobs which

Henry Stanhope

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pas port of the Vindate until 1946.

Michael Shanks on a possible solution to the present Anglo-French fracas.

The EEC squabble: why Whitehall must change its attitude

The debate on Britain's EEC budget contribution has degenerated into that most depressing of European spectacles, an Anglo-French squabble. It is by the other EEC members and the European Commission to hring some commonsense into the cross-Channel fracas. It is clear that in both the United Kingdom and French governments there is now a desire for a compromise which will get

To date the argument has gone something like this: France: How can we take you seriously? You sought entry three times in the 1960s and early 1970s, knowing full the rules of Community you were trying to join. After joining in 1973, you second thoughts and we took the unprecedented allowing you to renegotiate the terms. You expressed yourselves well satisfied with the result in 1975. Now you want us to renegotiate all over again. Really, we have more important things to attend to ! Britain : Yes, but things

have changed in ways none of us could have predicted. Nobody ever envisaged a situa-tion in which one of the predicted. members become the biggest contributor to the budget. You know we expressed our fears about the growth of spending on the Common Agricultural Policy when we joined, and you and on record as saying that if unacceptable situations arose blocking equitable solutions would have France?

be found. France: What you are invoking is the principle of juste retour-the principle that everybody gets out what he puts in. You know very well from the list of protected pro-the Community has rejected ducts in the CAP. If you were

Britain: We are only seeking parity with you, who are a much richer country than we therefore extremely important arc. The cases you are talking that the breathing space about concerned a time when afforded by the postponement the richest member-country, of the March summit be used West Germany, was the biggest

budget contributor. It is reasonable that the Community should transfer resources from richer to poorer, but not the other way. France: If you are poorer

than us, and unable to compete in the EEC, it's entirely your own fault. You should work harder and strike less. In terms of natural resources you're better off than any of us, because you have your own oil. If you want us to help you. why aren't you ready to help us by giving us preferential access to your oil?

Beitain: You are introducing a complete red herring into the discussion. We're talking about the budget and correcting a manifest injustice. You know perfectly well this whole issue has arisen simply decause the CAP, for which we pay and from which you benefit, has got out of control and is swallowing up far more of the was ever intended.

were getting an artificial subsidy from the green pound, did you? You only want the rules French Britain: Typical French hypocrisy! Who is breaking when we joined and you and the rules of the Community the other member-states went roday? Not us, but you! Why are you persisting in illegally

complain about that when you

France: Yes, but you didn't

blocking sales of our lambs in France: want us to help you but you offer nothing in return. You know we have a problem on lamb, because it is excluded

'It is clear that Britain is not going to get her way except as part of a package deal

prepared to meet us on that, instead of sticking rigidly to the letter of the law, we might he more sympathetic to your problems.

How is this sterile and une d tying squabble to be resolved? It is clear that squabble Britain is not going to get her way except as part of a package deal. We have to be prepared to buy off the French lamb interests by agreeing to (preferably temporary) subsidy in return for the lift-ing of the ban on British lamb exports to France. We have to be prepared to discuss some (probably largely cosmetic) modifications to our North Sea policy to make it more com-munautoire—eg, by allowing more drilling rights for EEC oil companies, privileged access to North Sea. oil for other EEC countries in the event of another Arab embargo, and so on. We should certainly join the European Monetary System (EMS): and we should try to settle the (EMS):

EEC fisheries policy. These are the positive cards

the discussion can be moved into these channels, we need to think of ways in which EEC funds can be channelled appearing to do too much violence to the Community's budgetary conventions.

If we do decide to join the

EMS, we should immediately qualify for the same kind of eid as was given to Italy and Ireland when they joined. This should be relatively uncontroversial. Projects like the Channel Tunnel, and a possible cas pipeline from the North Sea fields to France and to Ireland, would equally readily attract Community funds while demoncrating Britain's artachment to

There are also a number of areas where the Community institutions could fill some of the gaps left by the cutback in oub-lic spending in the United King-dom as Mr Nigel Lawson has (somewhat belatedly) recognized.

A recent editorial in The Guardian lamented the fact that the United Kingdom Community at a time when the original impetus for integration was running out of steam. What everybody forgets is that this was periectly well recognized at the time, in late 1972 and that it was also recognized at the time that the further progress of such integration would not necessarily work to the advantage of the United Kingdom or Ireland (though Ireland in fact has done much people anticipated).

A whole new dimension of Community policy was put in place to deal with exactly this situation. Programmes to im-prove the quality of European life, through active policies of we could play, as well as the social reform, environmental negative one of threatening to and consumer protection formed

one aspect of this new range of policies approved at the EEC summit conference at the end of 1972. The second aspect was a commitment to a planned transfer of resources to the poorer areas of the Community through a regional development fund, an enlarged social fund (for training and retraining purposes) and the so-called "guidance" section of the CAP to cope with the casual-ties of the declining peasant

sector of European agriculture. Britain expected to be, and indeed has been, a major net beneficiary from these funds. The tragedy has been that the resources committed to the regional and social funds never matched up to the expectations of 1972.

What is required, therefore, both to resolve Britain's prob-lem and, more importantly, to restore the credibility sense of purpose of Europe's institutions, is to return to the blueprint set out in the summit communiqué of December 1972, and breathe new life into the regional and social funds. It has to be said that this will require a change of attitude in Whitehall as much as in the other EEC capitals. The British attitude to the Community as a means of transferring resources between memberstates has always been unibi-valent. Eagerness to get money from Brussels has been offset by dislike of Brussels' suprana

Today we cannot afford such niceties. If we are going to tay in the Community, and not lose money by so doing, we have to accept the institutions which exist, and use them singlemindedly for our purposes. Other countries— France and Ireland particu-larly—have done this with consummate success. Once we have established our priorities, should not do so too.

A disturbing change of style in Syria

It was a polite gathering, a discreet combination of Sunni Muslim and Christian business-men, drinking martinis and mixing political gossip with mild jokes about the regime. enjoying the guarded freedom of speech that modest wealth bestows on men in a military dictatorship.

President Assad says he is going to allow the communists to reopen their newspaper one man said. "Next week he s bound to tell the Muslim Brothers they can have a paper too. Then in two weeks' time he will close both papers down and claim they are subversive."

There was a murmur of laughter round the provincial drawing room. Hama is a small town, a place where confidences are understood. But one man found nothing humorous in the conversation. "I don't like Assad", he said. what is the alternative? We don't want our country to turn into another Iran, governed by fanatics and with no real law or investment. The Muslim

Brothers are becoming popular

but they have no plan, no pro-gramme, no leadership. What can we do?" president's The speeches have gone dawn badly in Syria. Where once Assad addressed his people in care-ful, constructive language that woided insults and rhetoric. he now attacks the state's presumed enemies with anger and

bitterness.

Perhaps he is trying to initate the public style of Gamel Abdul Nasser but he sounds ike a man in despair. By vilifving the Muslim Brotherbood he has given them credibility and by his clumsy reaction to the Brotherhood's ruthless assassinations he has sapped his own credibility.

For the first time, too, it is the president himself who is being condemned. A few months ago-even a few weeks his critics claimed that whatever the state of Syria, the president was a man of great personal integrity who rose above those Baath Party disciples who indulged in bri-bery. But the critics are not so generous now. How, they ask, could an honourable man allow the state's corruption to spread

In Syria few people dare utter the rame of the man whose flamboyant behaviour has stained Assad's reputation and whose portrait hangs in the cafes of Baalbec, the hashish capital of Lebanon. But to say that the president's brother Rifaat is unpopular would be a gross understatement. Com-mander of the 20.000-strong Defence Brigades (Syria's best trained and plain clothes praetorian guard), Rifaat has a passion for fast cars, foreign travel and good living that has done incalculable harm. Hafer Assad has tried

blant the popular distrust his government by appointing a new prime minister, Abdul architect and academic known probity from an Damascene family. Kassem was formerly the Damascus lord mayor and established something of a reputation for himself by reorganizing the city's and by cleaning up its streets. But purging the highways is no substitute for purging the institutions of government. In the past three weeks farmers have reported being stopped by policemen and asked for "contributions" before being

allowed to take their produce to the market. A embassy which asked a state bank for guidance on a trade was informed that information would forthcoming unless embassy was prepared to pay hard cash to a named member of the bank. For some reason never explained, the Syrian businessmen who usually handle foreign trade deals are Alamites members of the minority sect to which the

The Muslim Brotherhood

president belongs.



President Assad: the critic: not so generous now.

picked have members of the Alawite munity to demonstrate power, revealing at the time a sectarian haured Sunni Muslims allegedly by Alawites. Gunmen larly assassinate Al: businessmen and ser bombs outside Baath

offices and Baathist youth ment buildings. The Bro hood have killed those they refer to as Sunnilaborators", youth move organizers and, mosi-rec-Soviet military advisers. A sheikh was murdered Damascus mosque for ver attacking the Brotherhoo soldier was taken from a on the main road to A and coldly shot in the ba

daily. It is little wonder President Assad's per bodyguard—a moustad Palestinian named Khaled sein—can be seen standu dent's lectern whenever

add esses party members. Regular troops are of use in Syria's congested It profits a president no to surround his second gre city with an armoured di-although that is just Assad has done at Al-where more Syrian tanknow gathered than in a

fore, that Syrians fear their future. For A dictatorship, is not as re sive as his enemies would Party congress in January president urged his suppo the government, and there few reports of torture none of secret executions less the murder of the B publisher Selim al-Lawzi the work of the Syrian St Forces, as some Leb

Assad has committed country to an indepen foreign policy that has resisted American blan ments to join the Camp plans for a Middle East s ment yet has refused accept Moscow's tota his army into Lebanor 1976-an act which saved sands of lives, whatever political advantages himself—he ignored the political demnation of the Soviet U He displays none of the o tic, emotional changes of l have afflicted Pres

Sadat of Egypt.

Indeed, Assad is perhap most consistent leader in Arab world: which is who United States and Eu should be observing domestic crisis with grave cern. Syria, with all her fa is a force for stability in Middle East and many of people-including seme Assad's loudest criticsthe consequences of his sible overthrow.

If Syria should slip into same abyse of Islamic fo cism and disorder engulfed Iran a year ago. more than the lives of a lion Alawites are going to

....Robert F

Bernard Levin

continuing deadlock over an

Adelaide, as an Englishman sees her

Adolaide

I can now reveal that the Englishman I wrote about yesterday, who caused much indignation in this remorselessly Adelaide women have no (the line was even in-ated in the topical corporated in references added to a produc-tion of a play by Goldoni's conpantomine audiences to signal the arrival of the villain) was present a second one.

Unemployed he may epentant he is not. Indeed, he signed off in dashing style on the local television station by calmly telling Adelaide that the is a village inhabited by wax dummies ruled by a few Course-beads, that the atmosphere is provincial, that narrow, conservative attitudes, which are death to the arts, abound, that this is a society designed to perpetuate the mediocre and to obstruct the experimental and the new, that when he came to Adelaide he found tremendous opportunities for innovation but speedily discovered that the forces pre venting those opportunities being taken are strong enough (and, it seems, no less willing) to ensure that nothing interesting happens, and for good measure that the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra plays out of tune. In the circumstances. it is perhaps not altogether

airprising that Mr Hunt's first

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Adelaide Festival is also to be I am myself, as my readers two huge angular Defence Correspondent

YASIR ARAFAT

EL MONDO

The following words were attributed to Palestine Liberation

Chairman, YASIR ARAFAT in an interview published in

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not rest until the day when we return to our home and until

too do troy I rack . . . the destruction of Israel is the goal of

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The giving are familiar with the Palestine National Covenant,

the Charter of the PLO, can draw their own conclusions.

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febricated, emirely falsified" (Le Figaro, 13-3-1980).

controversy, and I therefore have no intention of Taking Sides (Jonathan Cape, £6.50) for or against Mr Hunt's views. though I could hardly help respectable city by saying that noticing that when, on the morning after my arrival, I took part in a public discusand innocently remarked that it was important for festival temporary and rival, Carlo directors to have a reasonably Gozzi, and was greeted with long tenure, my words were the traditional groan used by greeted by what I can only directors to have a reasonably describe as wry applause.

Of course, there never was a the Director of the Festival, festival yet that has not awash Christopher Hunt, or rather, with conspiracy, outrage, fac-the ex-director, for Mr Hunt tion, protest and bitching and will not be returning to I see no reason why Adelaide I see no reason why Adelaide bicycles, though nothing in the should be exempt from this centre of Adelaide is far truth. It must, after all, be the last city on earth verv which the parasol is a familiar sight, and the parasol is not normally regarded as a symbol of revolution, even in the arts. Anyway, Mr Hunt has put together a festival that in gen-eral follows the pattern of the eclectic ones like Edinburgh rather than the more precisely focused models such as Salzburg, and the range is certainly wide enough to satisfy, theoretically. everyone except the man who wrote to the local paner with what must surely be the most arcane complaint ever levelled at a festival, vir. that too few of the items in it were suit-

able for heterosexuals. The strength of the Adelaide Festival lies, however, less in its contents than in its setting. this may sound as eccentric as the complaint of the centlemen in the previous paragraph, but is unmist kable. It is designed in what look like

Secrets of the

A discovery of papers relating to the secret life of Charles Dickens—found, in the best literary tradition, hidden in an

old piece of turniture-has

corner of the author's relation-

ship with a young actress, Ellen

Rumours that Dickens took a

mistress after separating from his wife in 1858, 12 years before

his death, were lent credence in

the controversial book Dickens

and Daughter, written in 1939

by Gladys Storey, a friend of

Dickens's second daughter, Kate

Perugini. But the book, apparently based mainly on

hearsay, was always regarded

with suspicion by scholars. Two years ago Miss Storey

died, and her house was

searched for interesting papers

by her executor, without

success. Recently removal men

arrived to dispose of her offects, and a large bundle of papers

and diaries tumbled from the

remover's wife gave them to the

Or David Parker, the museum curator, has sifted through the

papers to discover, among other

titbits, a note that Dickens kept

a house for Ellen Ternan at

Pecknam, with two servants.

There is also a record of a con-

son. Sir Henry Dickens, in

Dickens Museum in Landon.

back of a wardrobe.

author and

the actress

Ternan.

and both set in an ample and plots, children's playgrounds, stalls, hooths, pop-groups, dancers of jigs, exhibitions, puppets, conjurers, poets and a gloomy figure apparently in-tent upon assuring passers-by that it would be as well to repent, for the end is nigh. One of the stalls sells tin cans full of dust and cobwebs for making your cheapest and rawest wine look like a precious vintage bottle, another provides what may well be the hest papeorn in the world, from another you can hire enough from anything else to

warrant the extravagance. The result, however, is that the place is possessed of a truly spontaneous air of festivity, much enhanced by the army of banners with which the streets of the city centre decorated. all which were designed and made by volunteers to whom the materials were distributed free application, one of Hunt's pleasantest notions, the banner outside the front door of the State Parliament building is advertising the local zoo, for reasons on which it would hardly become me to speculate.) I fear that the with a price-list containing the rubric "ten cents extra with effervescence" can hardly have been doing much busi-

It is of interest that despite ubiquitously evident Australian cultural inferiority complex, and for that matter despite the depressingly uniform unliness and dullness of the skyscrapers, the design of

well know, a man who shows cheeses, the larger with a the Festival Centre was controversy, and I therefore wedge taken out of the middle, entrusted to a local firm of architects, Hassall colourful plaza alive with grass Paraners, who had never built a theatre before, and in build ing three in this centre fully justified the city's trust The dazzling whiteness the exterior is contrasted with

the brown-tinted glass that separates the sloping shell from the ground like a row of teeth, and the main auditorium, a 2,000-seater that can be used as opera-house, thearre or concert-hall (though for concerts they idiotically put the orchestra not in the pit but on the stage, where the players are stiffed behind a rigid prosenium — for all I heard of the Warsaw Philharmanic's woodwind they might as well have srayed at home) is finished in warm, dark wood, the shape offering a hinr of our Festival Hall and of Chichester, the seats are faultlessly sprung, and even allow a visitor to bring his knees with him, a phenomenon sutticiently rare these days to be worth remarking. Outside, the combination of halconies. grass, and water sparkling in

bring them a dozen swans on my next visit. Despite the net rucnour I wrote about vesterday, there are no sumptuary resubsticus, or even conventions in the feetival venues, the informality of attire being another of the principal planks in Mr Hunt's platform, though few carry it as far as the patron in the front row of the dress circle who arrived for the concert in shorts and T-shirt, and then

proceeded to remove his shoes

the sunshine is reminiscent both of our Stratford and of

Canada's, I have promised to

The general opinion around me was that he must have come from Brisbane, Even more uninhibited was the behaviour of the lady at the performance, in the cathedral, of Rossini's Perite Messe Solenelle. At first she sat on the floor at the altar end of

his toes in time to the music.

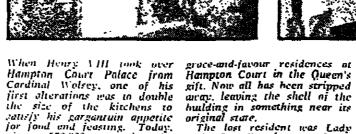
the nave, twitching in a deci-dedly peculiar manner, and then, perhaps set in motion by the irresistibly unliturgical sparkle of the music, climbed on to the parium and began to give the musicians an alternative, and very far from regular heat. The official conductor, Mr Meyer Fredman, remained outwardly colm, but he disconsiderable relief plaved when, at the end of Gloria, she was led quietly away by an attendant. You must admit that we do

not get that sort of thing in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, or even at Wexford. But there is a lot more about Adelaide that is not to be found nearer home. As I have said, it is not for so trænsient a visitor as myself to adjudicate on Chrisropher Bunt's charges against the city. Yet whatever his dif ferences with the Festival's management, sconsors and patrons, and whatever compromises these difficulties have obliged him to make his admirable labours have undoubtedly heen made more toilsome, as he readily concedes, by extra and insurmountable handicap. And it is that immor-able object, which no Festival Director in Adelaide can shift, however much of an irresist ible force he may be, which will provide my concluding

To be concluded C Times Newspapers, 1980.

acd socks, the better to wiggle

LONDON DIARY



chen block is being opened in its entirery to public view for the first time The vast kitchen hall has not rustled up a royal snack since George II's time, and since the Victorian era part of it has been

after a 550,000 restoration, the

pulace's axteenth century kit-

accommodation, one of 62 areas, was along the catualk

was in one of the huge fire-places, and she bathed directly neneath an enormous open chimney fluc (see "before" and "after" pictures above). Her only means of access, with Indeed it was daughter Kate

Baden-Powell, who moved out

seven years ago. Her rooms

Bill Warhurst through a window.

Sadly, none of the kitchen of Henry's time survives and the whole place looks rather hare. especially after its fresh coat of limewash. But a permanent exhibition of how Tudor kitchens operated is planned for the future.

Restoration did, however, uncover a small piece of Elizahethan graffiti on a wall: an unilattering, schoolhoyish drawing of a fat face under a floppy her, I'll het the cook had rust had a roasting jor over overdoing the venison.

Marriage test?

too cheaply, according to Canon A. C. A. Smith, vicar of Selby Abbey, writing in the current issue of the Abbey's journal. At 2 mere £4.80 for having the baons read in two parishes, and Rogistrar General.

vicars' stipends. would enhanced under the canon's alternative plan, which is for a £20 marriage licence, renewable annually. If men are prepared to pay £34 a year for a colour television, and £60 for a car, they ought not to begrudge 120 for a wife, considering the amount of work that

In the interests of equity, the vicar states, during leap years the wife should have the option to renew the licence. At least he stops short of sungesting that before a new ficence is issued, the wife should be taken to a ministryapprove testing station for

Over the wire

My recent report, elsewhere in this newspaper, of the Colditz prisoner-of-war reunion, has led me to a man who must be one of the few survivors of the First World War equivalent, the hated "straff" (punishment) camp of Holzminden, near Hanover.

Dr Vernon Bailey, a retired surgeon who lives in the Yorkshire Dales near Richmond, recalls it as an evil place from which no one ever made a successful escape, run tyrannical commandant, a German-American from Milwaukee whose proudest boast was that he had made his way unnoticed through England at

Dr Bailey, who was capt at St Quentin in March. recalls sharing a room wit

height of bostilities

captain who recited Molière relieve the boredom. Cross Dr Bailey has anot much more unique, distinct which helps to explain why is among the very few of 750 officers and 350 other ra incurcerated at Holzminden alive; he was made a sec lieutenant at the age of o 16. a record which has no been equalled in the Br

The modern equivalent Holzminden and Culditz is office of The Times, wh loudspeakers in every m broadcast ear-solitions alarms with monotocous re larity every time the fire syst goes wrong. Stuffing speakers with old copies of Daily Telegraph makes li difference, and a tunnell committee is being formed.

An estate ecent in property currently advertising 4, 10. as deceptively successive he really admitting that being that imposing seri det.c. façade lies a suite of the suitable for habitetion office the stunted offspring of jamily of garden enemes? suspect that, es usual, a heing deceptively optimized

Alan Hamin

Delouly of

were hardly a model of comfort and convenience: her bathroom subdivided to join living out going through the public

which he reveals that the illicit relationship produced a son. who wanted Miss Storey to write who died in infancy. Miss Storey's papers, containing much material she did not incorporate in her hook, also illuminate the smelned relation-

ship between Dickeas,, daughter Kate, and the real Mrs Dickens after the separation. "For nearly two years C. D. would scarcely speak to K. P. because she visited her mother", says one arte.

her book in the first place, to English couples get married far vindicate her mother, against whom Charles said a lot of very wicked things. Dr Parker believes the new find, now available at the Dickens Museum. will he of great interest to scolars. But he admits that, in the field of relationships with young actresses, people do not make a habit of telling the truth.

The threat from

UN General Assembly on Disarma-

The Campaign is being lapnched

at the convention in the Central

Hall, Westminster, under the chair-

manship of Lurd Gardiner, former Lord Chancellor, Its purpose is to mobilise suport for the policy to which 149 governments unanimously

agreed in this final document of the

That policy was to achieve, by

appropriate stages, the general and

complete disarmament of all nations

under strict and effective inter-

national control, together with the

re-allocation of the resources so re-

leased to world development, that

is to say, to the ending of world

poverty and for the promotion of

social justice and human welfare

in all countries, developed and

has committed itself to the achieve-ment of this policy as the "ultimate objective". Cur campaign aims at achieving this before nuclear war

The final document of the special

session urges that this objective will not be achieved unless world

public opinion is mobilised and strongly expressed in its support.

All nations now face a clear

choice: shall they drift on in the

arms race, with the danger that it may lead to the final nuclear war; or, while there is still time, shall

they transform our world society by using our wealth through world

cooperation for welfare and happi-

As the Brandt report makes plain,

this is a global problem, for which global decisions are required. But

Britain can lead in forming the

necessary opinion and arousing the

We are convinced that the over-

whelming majority of the British

people, of all parties, and of none, including Sir William Dickson, will

choose the transformation of wor society from warfare to welfare.

Tower opposite the Tate

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for

Sir, In January you reported a start-

ling proposal to erect a 500 foot sky-slab on London's South Bank which would completely change our

or all time. Your leading arricle of

January 23, roundly condemning

this monstrous speculative develop-ment, was welcomed by a number of persons eminent in public life. Since then there has been complete

There are two very strong objec-

tions to this ill-conceived proposal. First, it would be followed, and is intended to be followed, by similar

sky-slabs which would dominate the

heart of London and vulgarize it by reducing its familiar and historic

buildings to the scale of Toytown.

That is why it must be stopped now,

before the trend becomes irre-

Second, as you rightly pointed out in your leading arricle, there is no case whatsoever for such a

massive increase in office space in

Inner London at a time when bigh

and rising transport costs are caus-ing more and more people to seek work in the suburbs and farther

What is needed are more homes

so that people can be persuaded to stay and work in our inner cities. As Thucydides reminded us long

ago: "It is not walls, or ships devoid of crews, but men who make

Leading figures in the cultural

world have already condemned the proposed development as "an act

of cultural barbarism unbecoming to a civilized nation". Splendid

words, but how many people have heard them?

Is it too late for you, Sir, to

awaken the ordinary people of

Condon to what is being done to their environment? Yours faithfully,

Sir, While ironing my hushand's copy of *The Times* at 6 o'clock this morning (be does so hate that

awkward crease in the middle), I

happened to glance at Mr Roy Hay's

gardening column in which, after a long list of equipment, he suggests to his readers that "perhaps your wife or secretary could lay in the

necessary supplies before the

to question such things, but what with all the fuss and bother of look-

ing after our menfolk, we wives and

secretaries have enough trouble just

keeping up with our normal duties

without having these extra tasks

sorung on us at such short notice. If

Mr Hay is thinking of doing this again, I woulder if it would not be

too much trouble to give us a little advance warning perhaps by inserting a piece in Woman's Own

or a short announcement on "Woman's Hour"? We would be

ever so grateful.

Yours faithfully,

March 30.

VERONICA RAYMOND.

34 Harberton Road, N19.

Well, I know it is hardly my place

BERNARD BRAINE,

Getting organized

From Mrs V. Raymond

March 27.

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capital city's skyline and ruin

necessary popular support.

Yours faithfully.

Co-chairman,

Co-chairman.

House of Lords.

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PHILIP NOEL-BAKER,

BRUCE OF DONINGTON,

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It is a success achieved resolute refusal to act. f its significance lies in ev fact. The central politiue in the strike was a Government which had roclaimed its devotion to osophy of the cash limit. led on that in its appeal electorare, would be able to what it had said when y challenged. This politiension was very much in ids both of the strikers some of their backers in our movement. Mr Sirs tpressed it forthrightly to tempt Lord Denning ose that the action was. not a trade dispute at all. rned out that the Governuld stand by what it had

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mportant to be clear just eneral lessons can be rom, this, and what cance: 1974 there has been that a convention would i itself in British political a Government could not an all-out challenge by union. The steel strike ie some way towards ng the balance. But the nould not be interpreted r side as a crude victory ustrial machismo. The

sector the market ultimately enforces the truth of that. In the public sector, and in the short term, the truth is much less clear cut and depends on the willingness of Governments to behave as if it were true. Other unions in the public sector will take account of the steel strike when assessing their own chances of getting away with more than productivity or cash limits allow for. Of course they will not assume that things would go exactly the same way for them as for the steelmen. It was obvious from the first that the strike would be a

difficult one to win : the unconpetitive position of the industry was too glaring, its monopoly status too diluted, and its products, unlike water or electricity, would not instantly be missed by the public. Others may be in a stronger position. But they will not, as they might have done before, expect to win almost as a matter of course.

The Government's economic strategy depends on changing people's expectations. The experience of its first year has shown how deeply ingrained these can be, and how slowly the assumption fades that everyone has a right to pay increases at least parallel to the rise in the cost of living. The steel settlethe industry and the ment may seem cheap at 16 per has been too great for cent, but that is only because

settlements elsewhere are still running at the unsustainable rate of about 20 per cent. The public has not yet faced the painful truths about production and rewards that the steelmen have now discovered.

Each striker, on average, has sacrificed some £700 in wages to secure a pay increase of about £150. The gains made since the carly days of the strike have scarcely offset the price inflation day by day over the same period. Even if they had won the 20 per cent they sought, they would still have been badly out of pocket over the strike. Every worker contemplating strike action should make calculations such as these and draw the conclusions, and make sure that his leaders do so on his behalf.

The tragedy of the steel strike is that it could so easily have been avoided by a little more imagination on both sides. The harm that any bitter strike does to labour relations in its industry lingers long after the formal settlement. Steel manufacturing faces drastic cuts in manpower and capacity if it is ever to approach the efficiency of its competitors abroad; these cuts ought to be negotiated in a spirit of trust and good will that will not easily be restored now. Both unions and management were fatally confused in their objectives and out of their depth; in the industry itself, the history of the dispute gives no grounds for jubilation to either side.

V MUCH TAPPING IN THE DARK?

te tapping is now praca much more extensive an it was at the time of comprehensive inquiry Birkett Committee in

derious crime has interrorism and other to security are more 2ad, and the technology rcepting telephone calls proved. So both the and the capacity for innate, or at least less nating, telephone tapping . ich greater. But the Paper published yesterrgely reassuring in terms pers and procedures. mount of telephone tapas certainly increased intly. The Home Secreproved 411 warrants last

number approved by the of State for Scotland m three to fifty-six. - But not an extravagant in all the circumstances had suspected.

npared with 129 in 1958.

much less than many Оле eel still more confidence udgment if these figures en broken down into ions from the police, and Excise, and the Service; and it is hard

en widely suspected that to believe that effective operations would thereby have been jeopardized.

A number of fears should be removed by the procedures outlined in the White Paper. " As a general rule", it states, "each warrant names only one person and one address or telephone number". In other words, there are no general approvals for people in a particular category. There is a time limit of two months on each warrant, with the period for which it can be renewed being specified for each category. In no instance is it unreasonably long. The rules as In no instance is it laid down should also provide sufficient reassurance that neither a copy of a tape nor a transcript is ever made available to anybody but the organization for whom the warrant has been granted. The one point on which further information would be desirable would be how many warrants are renewed. It may not be necessary to give precise figures so long as it is apparent whether a high proportion of warrants are renewals of long duration. That information could hardly be of assistance to criminals and terrorists.

Altogether, though, the Home to decide what part of his reports justified in Secretary was

announcing to the House of Commons yesterday that he would not make any change in existing procedures at this stage beyond appointing a senior judge as an independent watchdog. Much will depend, however, upon two factors: who the judge will be and how much of his reports will normally be disclosed. Mr Whitelaw said yesterday that the first report would be published, but that subsequently only findings of a general nature and any changes in arrangements would be made known to Parliament. This form of limited disclosure is not in itself unreasonable. There cannot be fully open government where security and operations against serious crime are concerned. But if confidence is to be maintained that makes it all the more necessary to be precise about the limits to disclosure. What exactly are "findings of a general nature", and who will determine what comes into that category-the judge or the Home Secretary? Either the specification needs to be made much clearer or it must be laid down that the judge himself is

TAIN'S DECLINING POSTAL SERVICE

to the point of evasion its problems, Instead of rily baring its chest it ntil outside investigating -and there has been a accession of them-prise e horrors of declining ds of service. Until very y it has regarded users' intatives such as the Post Users' National Council as ather than as potential with whom to share a n cause.

of the trouble is that the postal service is attemptperate to higher standards ny other postal service in rld. Its service is more shensive and aims to be er, taking the country as e, than elsewhere. In spite recent increases its

ably. It is from these high rds that performance has The question now is er the standards will have lropped further or whether an be maintained either by istomers, who include the is well as individuals, pay-ire, or by nationalization. first requirement is for a r dialogue with customers. must know what they can

st Office has always been reasonably expect for their money. It seems incredible that regular and detailed performance figures are not being published already. Financial controls, given that the service is a statutory monopoly and that prices can be manipulated at will, are not enough.

Next there will have to be a

radical change in the willingness of postal managers and staff to work together. One of the most salutory lessons to be learnt from the Monopolies Commission's criticisms is that they have all been made before. The same recurrent themes emerged both from the Hardman Committee in 1971 and the Carter Review Committee in 1977. These were that management and unions should agree on a comprehensive programme of productivity measures involving work measurement, rearrangement of working practices, reduction of excessive overtime and introduction of local productivity agreements, and that mechanization should be accelerated. The fact that very little improvement followed indi-cates the ability of the postal business to resist change. In the face of such anathy, mere customers stand little chance of

making their voices heard, let alone of having any impact. .The new legislation being drafted to split the telecommunications service from the postal business provides a new opportunity to impose changes from the outside. At the same time there are pressures for reorganization from within. Union leaders as well as senior managers have accepted the need to change. But they still have to get the message to the men who actually do the work. An example of just how difficult this task is likely to be was the recent rejection by a Union of Post Office Workers delegate conference of a staffing and productivity deal intended to prevent a repetition of the nearbreakdown in the postal service

should be given to Parliament.

which occurred last summer. However, a combined pay and staffing package is now being out to a ballot of members, and there has been a declaration of intent by management to take on whatever casual staff are needed to see the mail through this summer, even if it means con-fronting the unions, so there is: some hope of movement. The alternative is a gradual withering away of customers, and the con-tinuing decline of the service.

lict land.

Mr R. Bailey and others the subject of derelict land olumns, may we draw to the on of your readers two s that we are hoping to get ed in the Local Government ug and Land (No 2) Bill and go some way to alleviating

first concerns an amendment ** X of the Bill. As proposed moment part X will give the ary of State the power to a public body to dispose of is vacant land. This is clearly quate: the public body conmay well make representao the Secretary of State, as it mitted to do, claiming that the aithough vacant, is desperately d in five or ten years' time and ould muc be disposed of. In case the Secretary of State's will be tied—and the land amain defelict.

am lightent therefore gives ecretary of State the power in cases to direct the public to take all possible steps to and is put to beneficial comty use, either by themselves being leased or licensed to bodies, rather than being left

second amendment concerns ling constrol. At present.

to planning control, developers often try to usurp the function of local planning authorines by demolishing existing buildings before applying for planning permission to redevelop. The result is that the planning authority must either consent to a redevelopment proposal that may be totally in-appropriate, or, by refusing consent. see the site remains vacant for

Our amendment, therefore, seeks to avoid this by making demolition subject to planning consent.

May we ask your readers both to urge the Government to accept these proposals and to send to us any examples of the practice of demolishing buildings in advance of planning permission (or inquiries) as described above. Yours sincerely,

RON BAILEY. MARY EVANS HUGH LANNING. DAVID HALL, Housing Emergency Office, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1.

Drugs for mentally ill

From Dr E. Moron Sir, In recent years great strides have been made in improving the services for the mentally ill. This has been made possible by the use of modern trestments especially

drug medication as well as com munity care facilities based on social services. These developments have made it possible to treat most mental illness on a comiciliary basis.

As a result of recent cut-backs in-local authority spending, these essential social services have already been drastically curtailed. The cellor's budget proposals will undoubtedly produce a further reduction. Under these circumstances the increased prescription charges will have a particularly damaging effect since the drugs pre-scribed for the treatment of mental illness are not subject to the much publicized exemptions. This is especially so since many of the drugs used in the more severe forms of mental illness often need to be

taken for long periods of time. The greater difficulty that the mentally_ ill will experience in. obtaining the treatment they require, will undoubtedly result in more of them being admitted to hospital and staying there for longer periods.

Apart from the implications about our sense of values, this approach ultimately will be more expensive. Yours faithfully. E. MORAN Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Enfield District Hospital, Chace Wing. The Ridgeway, Enfield,

Middlesex

Health risks from lead

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Lord Ashby, FRS

Sir. You write in your leader (March 29) that the report on Lead and Health "will not satisfy either side". This is a disquieting From Lord Brockway and others Sir, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson (March 31) has not appreciated that it is the World statement. Scientific research is not Disarmament Campaign which is done to satisfy pressure groups: organising the national convention it is done to ascertain the truth so far as that is possible. When the public rake sides on a highly emotive issue, truth is the first on April 12 to which the advertise-ment reproducing Lord Muumbatten's speech relates (The Times, page 9. March 28). This campaign rasualty. Thanks to the courage of is supported by some 170 different Professor Lawther and other scientiorganisations which, while their views on the methods of achieving fic workers, willing to publish the truth as they see it, the Govern-ment now knows more about lead disarmament may vary, are all united in seeking to implement the and health than it ever has before. policy set out in the Final Docu-ment of the Special Session of the The thanks these scientific

workers get for telling the truth is to be branded as "complacent", to be accused of making a "cover-up", of producing a "political document" and (The Times, March 31) of "defending outmoded concepts". If integrity in reporting concept, it's a poor prospect for

Careful work published by the Department of the Environment, the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, and now the Medical Research Council, demonstrates (i) that lead levels in some places are too close to danger level to be

Southend East by-election From Mr F. R. D. Poveley

Sir, I was most sorry to see that your editorial of March 15 and accompanying article implied that Teddy Taylor was "foisted" upon Southend East Conservative Association, for nothing could further from the truth.

When we were first confronted with the task of finding a successor to Sir Stephen McAdden, we resolved then that anybody who attempted to tell us whom we should have as a candidate would get short shrift. In the event nobody, absolutely nobody at any level in the Conservative Party, whether in Parliament. Central Office or Area attempted to influence our choice of candidate. in any way whatsoever.

Teddy Taylor was our choice, and was chosen from among some 320 applicants. Firstly, a selection committee of twelve prepared a short-list of twenty-three applicants (which included all local candidates) who were interviewed over a full weekend. Of these, six were interviewed the following week by the larger Finance and General Purposes Committee, who chose three applicants to be interviewed by the full Executive Committee. Mr Taylor was chosen and then

was ultimately chosen, firstly because of his reputation as a MP which is constituency MP, which is unrivalled, and secondly because of his tracl: record as a parliamentarian. His reputation among his erious constituents was so high that a number of them came all the way from Catheart to help us the hyelection at their own conses. Catheart Conservative which is further testimony to the

rolerated: (ii) that the greatest

from water supplies in lead pipes and from paint; (iii) that lead

from car exhausts contributes to icad in the atmosphere but is by

no means the most dangerous

source. These facts are not disou-

ted by anyone who has taken the trouble to read the evidence. They are essential for the political decision the Government has to

make. Pressure groups are tree, of course, to use the facts: but not

to distort them, to lie about them,

scientists who established them.

to impuen the integrity of the

Since anyone who writes about

lead levels is under suspicion of being on one "side" or the other.

I had better add that I am a pen-sinner: I have no interests in the oil lobby or the transport lobby: I use a bicycle; and if I were asked

how best to protect children from

automobiles. I would suggest that the money saved by not taking lead

out of petrol should be spent on

doing something to prevent some 4000 podestrian children under 10 being killed or seriously injured on the roads of Britain every year.

next presented to the association

who unanimously adopted him as

parliamentary candidate. In all, Mr

for interviews and he

Yours faithfully.

ASHBY. House of Lords.

aftection they have for their ex-MP. During the past few weeks Teddy Taylor has had a lot to endure; he has been smeared and vilified in a quite shameless way, but this out-standing man will rise above it, and will without doubt build up as strong a personal following here in Southend, as he had in Catheart. Yours faithfully. F. R. D. PAVELEY,

Chairman, Constituency Political Committee, Southend East Conservative Association. 16 Nelson Street, Southend-on-Sea, March 19.

Victims of Everest From Sir Jack Longland

Sir, Recent letters to The Times and the interview (March 24) with the only surviving member of the 1924 expedition, Captain Noel, have obscured the apparent fact that not one but two bodies were found by various Chinese expeditions on the north side of Everest, the only route permitted and attempted before the war.

There is no question that the body discovered by Charles Warren in 1935, and apparently rediscovered by a Chinese party near the much frequented Camp III at 21,000 fect, was that of the solitary climber Maurice Wilson who died near there in 1934. But that was found not on the mountain at all, but on its upper er approaches. As both Warren and Noel have inferred, this cannot possibly be the body of either Mallory or Irvine.

The new factor is the report that a Chinese climber, now dead, came across a body on the north face of Everest itself, at well over 26,000 feet, and in the direct fall-line some 500 feet below the ice are found by 500 feet below the ice axe found by Wyn Harris during our 1933 expedition. Nearly all climbers agree that the ice axe, lying on rock slubs just below the great east ridge, marks the spot from which Mallory and Irvine began a fatal fall. Of living English climbers, only Noel Odell. Peter Lloyd and I know that part

of the mountain from first-hand experience.

If a Chinese climber found a body

on the north face 500 feet below the dropped ice axe, this conflicts with the accepted view that the fall of Mallory and Irvine ended some 8,000 feet lower on the main Rongbuk glacier. But I have been studying again the very fine tele-photo, taken by Captain Noel himself from Base Camp. (See the book Everest, 1933, p 108.) This shows clearly that, running diagonally downwards from east to west. and around 500 feet below the dropped ice axe, there is the only gently angled snow slope on the whole north face. It seems to be topped by a horizontal ridge of snow, behind which falling objects might lodge. It is also interspersed with rocks and boulders, which might have caught a hody. This year's lapanese expedition to the north face may clear up the mystery, since boots, clothing or equip-

ment could readily be identified. I share the views expressed by Lord Hunt and others of your correspondents that, if they do find a body, they will leave it in lonely peace. But it is rarely wrong to try to establish facts. Yours faithfully.

JACK LONGLAND, idgeway, Bakewell, Derbyshire, March 24,

Human rights in Britain

From Professor J. W. Brucget Sir, Mr Fred Silvester, MP, makes some amazing statements in his article on human rights (March 17). Twice he calls the European Convention on Human Rights "anti-democratic" without even trying to prove it. According to him "the whole devalorment has accurated without development has occurred without any form of democratic approval" —all member states of the Council of Europe which ratified the Con vention have done so in accordance with their constitutional requirements. It is incorrect that the Convention depends on "self-appointed or nominated bodies"—neither the members of the European Commis sion nor the judges of the European Court of Human Rights are self-appointed. It is incorrect to say that any citizen, via the commission, may appeal to the court ".

That the right of property was "drafted at a time of a Labour government in Britain" is irrele vant, as 15 countries adopted the Additional Protocol, embodying that right; Britain's approval was given

by a Conservative government, and Britain's signature was given by Anthony Eden on March 20, 1952. Article 1 of that protocol does not permit nationalization perhaps even without compensation but says simply that no one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law". Mr Silvester's strangest statement says that "the court has power to decide whether a government should declare a state of emergency". The European Court of Human Rights has no such power. Mr Silvester complains that the founding fathers of the convention -such dangerous lefties like Robert Schuman and Adenauer—"were not isolated from mundane political influences" but obviously does not detect mundane political influences in his own declaration that Conservatives see a "rights" court as a protection against the increasing encroachment of socialism".

Yours faithfully. J. W. BRUEGEL 21 Connaught Drive, NW11.

Protection of souls

From Miss Annie Manuel Sir, Mr K. P. Frampton is treading dangerous ground in his letter of March 24, in suggesting that a select committee on "cults" be set up.

His use of the word "cult' implies a prejudice as cult has come to have a derisory meaning, ie that of something obsessional esoteric and obscurantist. Many of the so-called cults, although unfamiliar, give a new slant to spirituality and are sane, rational new religions. In a free society new religions should be allowed to grow and we cannot develop into a society where only certain approved religions, philosophies or thoughts are given legal status while the others are denied these privileges. If distinc-tions are to be drawn between religions, some being approved, others not then how are these dis-

tinctions to be made and by whom? The well-being of our country depends on religious freedom and tolerance. Mr Frampton's suggested

select committee could lead to a situation where we have an inquisition deciding on the supposed merits or otherwise of religious groups.

Yours faithfully. ANNIE MANUEL, 78 Bruce Road, Bow, E3.

Symptoms of decline

From Dr H. D. Isaacs Sir, Shaikh Mubarak's critical letter (March 25) deserves Mrs Rossiter's acid reply (March 28). But where do such polemics lead us to? It is appropriate for both to turn to the one father? Hath not one God created us?"... Yours faithfully.

H. D. ISAACS. 1455 Ashton Old Road. Manchester. March 28.

Assassination in Central America

From Mr C. G. E. Berry Sir. As you rightly point out fleading article. March 26), the assassina-Salvador, Mgr Oscar Romero, will not of itself reduce the internal pressures for the much-needed-massive reform of the Salvadorgan economic and political structure. However, one should not underestimate the effects of the tactic of selectively picking off leading moderate or left-wing figures that has frequently been adopted by the right wing in various countries, in Central America. In Nicaragua, the murder

Chamorro, one of the principal opponents of the Somoza regime, to some extent provoked an intensification of the left's armed struggle. leading to civil war and the Sandinists' final victory in that country Similarly, Mer Romero's death may lead to an even blood or denoughers in El Salvador. On the other hand, in Guatemala similar right-winz tactics of discriminately murdering leading centre and left-wing figures. tagether with more indiscriminate but less-publicised mass slaughter. has decrived the opposition of many of its internationally better-known spokesmen. The result has been that the intense and bloody struggle in Guatemala—probably at least as bitter as that in El Salvedor—his received much less international attention because of the disappear ance of the more articulate participants in it.

While one fervently hores that Mgr Romero's murder will not hasten a fratricidal civil war in El Salvador, neither must the other possible ourcome be allowed. The international community must not he permitted to forcet the olight of the majority in El Salvador now that one of its most effective spokesmen has been silenced. The pressure of international public common has had some effects in promoting reforms in El Salvador. such pressure must be maintained if Mar Romern's death is not for have been in vain. Yours faithfully. C. G. E. BERRY.

2 Waverley Avenue, He'ansburgh. Dunbarronsbire.

Role of divorce law From Mrs Jane Cooper

Sir, It was with relief that I read Mr Bradley's letter (March 27) on

divorce legislation.

The articles and letters published by you so far on this subject seem to have failed to recognize the impossibility of trying to use the legal system to resolve emotional conflict. I would suggest that this greatly contributes to the current dissatisfaction with divorce law. I would be interested to know the results of any research into the number of splicitors who give serious consideration with their clients to conciliation, as envisaged in the Divorce Reform Act. In me experience it is a very small per

Whether no-fault divorce is we want or not, it is rarely how the parties involved see their situation at the time of divorce. Surely comselling is the relevant skill for resolving emotional battles, and knowledge for apportioning: legal rights.

When we acknowledge and prowide for these two elements, word may have a more generally acceptorable system for divorce. ANE COOPER.

Dalton's Farm. Roiney. Sussex. March 28.

Aims of the Palestinians From Mr R. Swann

Sir, Mr William Frankel (March 13) and I obviously know very different French lews. My friends naturally feel concern for their fellow-lews in the Middle East but few feel as much sympathy for Israeli intransi-gence; most, in fact, would like to see the Palestianians exercise the right of self-determination just as the Jews claimed to be doing when they set up the state of Israel.

The vast majority of French Jews are not associated with the organiare not associated with the organizations which claim to speak for them. On the contrary they are worried that Jews in general may be held in some way responsible for the criminal follies of the Begin administration which may indeed. have disastrous consequences for France, as indeed for all of us in Western Europe.

Does it not occur to Mr Frankel

that if the newspaper and television attitude to Israel has changed from sympathy to exasperation (not "hostility") this is because it is Israel that is more and more seen as the obstacle to peace? Yours faithfully, ROBERT SWANN. 8 Rue des Volontaires,

Paris 75015.

Irish voting rights From Mr R. A. Meredith

Sir, In reply to Mr Edward

Gardner's question in The Times to-day (March 25). First, I like the principle of no taxation without representation and therefore see no reason why foreigners who live and work here

should not vote.

Second. I like anomalies which temper logic before it leads to intolerance.
Third, I like the Irish. Yours faithfully, RALPH A. MEREDITH,

From Mr H. T. Lovett-Turner Sir, Was it not apt that His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury was enthroned on a Tuesday whereas our bringer of woe, the Chancellor, was obliged to defer his Budget until Wednesday?

"Tuesday's child is full of grace

H. T. LOVETT TURNER. 58 Harvard Road, Chiswick, W4.

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3 Sudeley Street, N1. March 25.

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Wednesday's child is full of woe."
Yours faithfully.

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Christening

The infant son of Lord and Lady Perry of Walton was christened Colin Stuart Macdonald by the

Mr R. W. C. Gegg and Miss L. S. Walker

and Miss L. S. Walker
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr B. H.
Clegg, of York, and the late Mrs
L. C. Clegg, and Susan, daughter
of the late Mr and Mrs Roy
Walker.



COURT CIRCULAR

April 1: The Duke of Kent, Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, this morning opened the "From Pole to Pole" D. Maguire, and Exhibition at the Geological Museum and the "Patterns of Diversity" Exhibition at the British Museum (Natural History), Mr C. A. Shawcross as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Society.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance. The Duke of Kent, Colonel inChief of the Royal Regiment of
Fusiliers, today received LieuLieutenant-Colonel John Rigby, upon relinquishing command of the 3rd daughter of the late Mr F. E. C. Gunnell and Mrs D. Gunnell, only daughter of the late Mr F. E. C. Gunnell and Mrs D. Gunnell, of Moor Park. Hertfordshire. The Rev K. Toovey officiated, assisted by the Rev R. Henesey-Law. upon relinquishing command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Miller on assum.

Luncheons ing command.

Birthdays today

Mr Jack Brabham, 54: Sir Paul Chambers, 76; Professor A. C. Dornhorst, 65; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, 76; Miss Catherine Gaskin.

31; Major-General Sir Stuart
Greeves, 83; Sir Alec Gunnes,
66; Sir Dems Rooke, 56; Lord
Segal, 78; Mr Kenneth Tynan, 53.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy, will be present on May 29 at "La Nuit de Mai", a May 29 at "La Nuit de Mai", a gala ball in aid of the Centre Charles Peguy Youth Club, at the residence of the French Ambassador, and Mme Jean Saunanargues. Mme Valery Giscard d'Estaing is the patron of the ball.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Halifax will be held at 11.30 am, on Wednesday, April 23, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Duke of Kent, patron of the Institute of Export, will attend the 1980 Export Lunch at the Fortman Intercontinental Hotel, London, on April 30.

The Duchess of Kent, as president of the Royal Northern College of Music, will attend the semi-finals of the Young Musicians of the Year at the college in Manchester

The Duchess of Kent, as patron of the Leeds International Pianoforts Competition, will attend a beauquet for the Federation of International Music Competitions at the Civic Hall, Leeds, on April 18.

Princess Alexandra wil the present at a gala performance of the film, My Brilliant Career, in aid of the British Red Cross Society, of which she is vice-president. at the Regent Cinema, Penrith. Cum-hria, on May 16.

Godolphin School.

Marriages Mr R. Crowther

The marriage took place on Satur-day, March 29, 1980, in Barnet between Mr Brian Crowther and

of Dr and Mrs James Carne, of

Mr B. P. Maguire and Miss M. E. Wertheim The marriage took place yester-day at Kensington of Mr Brendan Faul Maguire, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs O. Mr and Mrs Herbert Wertheim.

The morriage took place on March 29 at All Saints' Church, Marlow. Buckinghamshire, between Mr Christopher Anthony Shawcross, only son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Shawcross, of Eton Berkshire and

National Maritime Museum The Hon Anthony Cayzer, chairman of the Trustees of the Nat-ional Maritime Museum, with the director and Mrs Basil Greenbill, entertained Sir John Nicholson, Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron (chairman of the RAF Museum) and Professor R. Boyd at luncheon at the museum on Thursday, March 27,

Law Society
The president of the Law Society, Mr John Stebbings, was host at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests were that for the first heads the Hon E. L. Haillieu, Mr G. A. Bernhard, Mr R. R. Brockhurst, Mr J. Radford, Mr P. L. MrQueen, Mr A. Neary, Mr D. A. Marshall, and Mr J. L. Bowron (sectresary-general).

Dinners

and Mrs Walter Luttrell were present at a dinner held last night in Taunton in honour of the incoming High Sheriff of Somerset, Mr John Lindley, and Mrs Lindley. The guests included the High Sheriff of Aven, and the outgoing High Sheriff of Somerset, Major Connect Country and Mrs Country Country and Mrs Country Count Kenneth Crawford, and Mrs Craword acted as bosts.

Britain Britain
The president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Mr D. N. Sharpe, presided at a dinner held at the society's head-quarters at 1 Lambeth High Street yesterday. Mrs E. J. M. Leigh proposed a toast to the guests. The chief guest and speaker was Dr E. L. Harris. Other guests included:

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ladies, were hosts at the sixtieth annual dinner of the bank held at Claridge's hotel yesterday even-Godolphin School.

Salisbury

The Godolphin Scholarship has beed awarded to Emmeline Rogers, of Windlesham House School.

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University of Bristol TEMPORARY LECTURESHIPS IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Apple atoms are institled for two temporary Lecture/hits to the Department of Mathematics Preference may be given to a morable on titled mechanics. The nests are triable for the academic region 1980-81, and the value of the within the rapper \$5.072 to \$10.181 p.s. (Scale under review).

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Forthcoming

marriages

and the Hon Lucinda Evans
The engagement is announced
between John, only son of Mr
W. J. Hooper and of the late Mrs
Hooper, of Wimbledon, London,
and Lucinda, only daughter of
Deirdre Lady Mountevans and of the late Lord Mountevans, of Kensington, London.

Mr I, McCalloch and Miss C. M-C. Cornwallis The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mrs E. McCulloch, and Mary-Clare, eldest daughter of the Hon F. N. W. and Mrs Cornwallis. Mr J. E. Hooper

Mr S. E. Blake and Miss G. E. M. Murphy The engagement is announced be-tween Sean, son of the late Mr Grey Blake and of Mrs Ruth Sansom, of St John's Wood, NW8. and Geraldine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Murphy, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

and Mrs E. Caller The marriage will take place on May 22 between Laurence, son of Mr D. Cahn and the late Mrs. Cahn. of San Francisco, and Elieen, daughter of the late Mr T. W. Reynolds and of Mrs Reynolds of North unbedset. nolds, of Northumberland.

Actuaries' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress and Alderman and
Sheriff Christopher Leaver and

Mrs Leaver were guests of honour at the first livery dinner given by the Actuaries' Company at the Mansion House last night. Mr

Manson House last legit. Ma Geoffrey Heywood, Master, and Mr M. H. Oram and Mr H. C. Contrell, Wardens, and their ladies, received the guests. Among others

Present were:
Lord and Lady Byers, Judge Paterson,
Miss Rachel Paterson, the President of
the institute of Actuaries and Mrs
Moody, the Prime Warden of the Fishmangers' Company and Mrs Till and
the Master of the Clockmakers'
Company and Mrs Daniels.

South Africa Club
The Ambassador of the Republic
of South Africa presided at a
dinner given last night by the
South Africa Club at the Savoy
Hotel at which Professor Gerrit
van N. Viljoen, Administrator
General for South West Africa,
and Sir Herry Plumb aggregate

and Sir Henry Phund were guests of honour. Among others present

Lord and Lady Barber. Mr Angus Maude, MP, and Mrs Maude, Sir Poter and Lady Ternant and Mr and Mrs Daniel Meinertzhagen.

Ulster Defence Regiment The Ulster Defence Regiment held a regimental dimner in The City Hall, Belfast, on Monday to cele-

nail, beliast, on Monoay to cele-brate the tenth anniversary of the formation of the regiment. The principal guests were General Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Gen-eral Staff, and Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Other guests were:

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret, patron of Architects' Benevolent Society, opens extension to Frenchlands Hatch, East Horsley, 3. Vikings Exhibition, British Museum, 10 to 5. Exhibition of 50 years of television broadcasting Science

vision broadcasting Science Museum, Exhibition Road. South

Museum, Exhibition Road. South Kensington. 10 to 6. The Family Centre, Natural His-tory Museum, Cromwell Road: activities for children and parents. 10.30 to 4. Also at Natural History Museum, Pat-terns of Director whiteless.

terns of Diversity exhibition.
London Walk: Best of British
pubs night, meet Bond Street
station, 7.30.
Lecture: Retainsance Altapiece.
Victoria and Albert Museum,
1.15.

Latest appointments

Mr Richard Stratton has been appointed British High Commissioner to New Zealand in succession to Sir Harold Smedley, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Other appointments include: The Earl of Crawford and Bal-carres as First Crown Estate Com-

missioner in succession to Lord Thomson of Monifieth, who will

Mr K. M. McHale to he a circuit

judge on the South-eastern circuit. Mr A. J. M. Baldwin to be clerk to the justices for the Petry Ses-sional Division of New Spetthorne.

Mr R. J. Pannone is to succeed Mr Hurold Hewitt as one of the two solicitor members of the Supreme Court rule committee.

Three appointments to the count.

Court rule committee are announced: Mr Registrar Birks to succeed Mr Registrar Everett: Mr Andrew Smith to succeed Mr Three appointments to the County

Sir Leon Bagrit, chairman of Elliot-Automation and director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Carden, left 22,248,836 net

Other estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Arbiaster. Mr Edwin Sydney. of Preston Capes, Northamptonshire £433.034

Bayley, Mr John Henry Harvey, of Prestbury, Cheltenham 2271,379 Giddy, Commander Osman Cyril

Horton, of Worthing ... £172,944 Jackson, Mr Robert Raynsford, of Weybridge ... £167,064

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor
An argument of fundamental importance to safety is in progress between scientists and engineers

over the exact conditions of the

nuclear core of the crippled reactor at Three Mile Island, Harrisburg. The dispute turns on an issue that has not been aired publicly about the extent of dam-

age to the zirconium cladding which forms a protective coating round the uranium fuel. Under normal conditions zir-

conlum has certain characteristics that are far better for sustaining

the chain reaction between the fuel rods than other metals used

for cladding, such as stainless steel. But when the control equip-ment failed on March 28 last year,

the zirconium responded to the

unusual conditions to play a sig-nificant part in damaging the core.

The zirconium reacted with steam after the water coolant system falled to form zirconium

oxide and hydrogen. That gas is believed to have been the source

of an explosion in the contain-ment building on the first day of the accident. It later formed a gas bubble which threatened to block completely the cooling

block completely the cooling water system after the initial disruption. The worst kind of disaster would have followed with

Mr Mr

Andrew Smith to succeed Arnold Russell Vick; and Ernest Evans to succeed

Ernest Evans Emyr O. Parry.

Latest wills

retire on August 31.

Legal

South Africa Club

Service dinner

Mr L. F. Cahn

The engagement is announced between Authory, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Connon. of Winchester, Hampshire, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Dowler, of Hartford, Cheshire. Mr B. J. Coote and Miss S. E. Adams

Mr A. V. Comon and Miss A. S. Dowler

Mr M. G. More-Molyneux and Miss S. Westmacott The engagement is announced be-tween Michael. son of Mr and Mrs James More-Molyneux, of Loseley Park. Guildford, and Sarah. The engagement is announced between Barry John, son of Mrs Coote, and the late Mr J. O. F. Coote, of Colchester, and Susie, counsest daughter of Mr and in Christopher Westmacott, of Glanton House, Aluxick, Northubberdaughter of Mr and Mrs John Adams, of Feering, Essex.

Mr G. P. H. Smith and Miss S. Motion The engagement is announced be-tween Guy Patrick Hemsley, second son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Capt R. G. Hews and Miss D. E. Janes The engagement is announced between Richard Hews, 14th/20th King Hussars, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. R. D. Hews, of Can-terbury. Kent, and Diana, elder daughter of Major-General and Mrs M. James, of Woodgreen, Hampshire Smith, of Corsley Farm, Groom-bridge, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Robert Motion, of Suipston-on-Stour. Warwickshire, and Mrs N. Sherwood, of Marks Hampshire.

Mr T. J. Hutton and Mile A. I. A. Titeux

The engagement is announced between Timothy, third son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hutton, of Birds-wood, Ashley Park. Walton on-Thames. Surrey, and Anne, youngest daughter of the late M Georges Titeux and of Mrne Yvoone Titeux, of 130 Boulevard



Centenary gift: The Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, the Very Rev Alan Webster, with Mr Antony Webb, the cathedral's master carver, inspecting a carving which is to be presented to St Paul's aCthedral. Melbourne, Australia, for its

centenary. The carving, a festoon of fruit and flowers in limewood and mounted on

buyer.
Christie's also sold Russian and Greek icous, making 5157,130, with 34 per cent bought in, and

with 34 per cent bought in, and lapanese swords and prints, making £101,385, with 6 per cent failing to sell. In the former sale there was strong bidding from private collectors, and a sixteenth-century Cypriot icon of the Descent into Hell made £7,300 (estimate £10.000 to £11.000).

At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of Victorian paintings and water-colours made £161,133, with 16

oak is in the style of Grinling Gibbons, master carver to Sir Christopher Wren, the cathedral's architect.

West Yorkshire Broadcasting has been selected from five applicant groups by the Independent with the independent local radio service for the Leeds area.

'Wilderness park' for Scotland

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh
A new chapter in the busare
story of the 100-acre estate of
Cammo, at Barnton, Edinburgh,
will open this month when the
estate becomes probably the first
"wilderness park" in Britain.
The estate's owner, Mr Pertival
Louis Maitland-Tennent, was a recluse who lived in a caravan in
the grounds until his death five
years ago.

years ago. The house on the estate was said

The house on the estate was said to be the original House of Shaws in Kidnapped, by Robert Louis Steverson, but it had stood unoccupied for 20 years and was used by a pack of 30 dogs.

The condition of the interior was poor and the fabric had deteriorated to such an extent that the house had to be pulled down for safety reasons. But the walls have been left, although only a few feet in height, to indicate where it stood.

Before he died Mr Maitland-

Rev Norman Davies in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminwhere it stood.

Before he died Mr Maitland-Tennent left Cammo to the National Trust for Scotland, but on April 25 it will pass into the care of the City of Edinburgh by the old Scottish procedure of a symbolic deliverance of a feu.

Earth and stones from the state will be handed over on behalf of the trust by the president, Lord Wemyss and March, and received by Edinburgh's Lord Provoss Mr Kenneth Borthwick. vost. Mr Kenneth Borthwick.

Friary grant

An appeal for a \$10,000 grant towards the restoration of the 600-year-old Dominican friary at Reverley has been rejected by Humberside County Council's fin-

Leeds radio choice

since then, of course, much has happened in the market for precious menals and related artifacts. Since most buyers were likely to come from America, the auctioneers used the American rather than the British quality

rather than the British quality grading in the catalogue.

An Indian head gold half-eagle, or \$5 piece, of 1929, described at "mind state 60", the American scale running from one oup to 70, sold to Werner, a dealer from New York, for £8.200 against an estimate of £2,000 to £2,200. Even more dramatic was the face of a proof trade dollar of 1883, of which only 979 were minuted and which was rated as "mint state 65", which made £4,900 against an estimate of between £580 and 5620.

Mr Tore Carrato, of the Eagle Mr Tors Carrate, or the cashe Cold Company, of Niagara Falls, Canada, was in London on other business and came to the sale virtually by chance. He paid

Pickering. Mr Royston. of Hinckley. Leitestershire 1133.439 Powell. Mr Hiram Bernard Francis. of Ashtead, Surrey.

Science report

Nuclear energy: Harrisburg damage

expose the fuel and fission

process was allowed to occur in the reactor is one of the vital

factors in deciding how to clear

Other reactions are still producing

radioactive gases that are additional hazards, unless they are removed either by slow deliberate discharges to the atmosphere or

removed by remote control into

The severity of the zirconium trouble rests on how high the temperature eventually reached during the loss of cooling water and in the subsequent events.

When zirconium reacts with steam at 2,000°, the oxidation process and the release of hydrogen is accompanied by a rise in temperature stimulating further

perature stimulating further oxidation. At temperatures over 3,400 the metal cladding can

dissolve small amounts of enriched

disposal cylinders.

The question of how far this

products.

Cripwell, Mrs Edith Mary, of Bunny, Nottinghamshire £133,946 Crouch, Mr Albert Douglas Har-rison, of East Looe, Coruwall £163,535 Handley, Mr Vincent Arthur, of Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent, intestate £147,926

Tisdall, Mrs Christina Maude Evelyn. of Windlesham, Surrey F132.615
Dickson, Mr Thomas Eric, of Liphook. Hampshire, schoolmaster £174,037
Flitcroft, Dr Terence, of Streatley, Berkshire, company executive, £181,421

Fundrd, Stoke-of-Treat, £147,926

Nash, Mr Eugene Fleetwood, of Dorstone, Hereford and Worrester £131.784

Poyner, Mr Philip Harley, of Cheltenham, solicitor . £200,945

Cooper, Mrs Beatrice May, of Winchester . £148.244

Allen, Mr Bertram Ernest, of Finmere, Buckingham . £463.731

per cent bought in. A private huyer paid £4.200 for "Gathering Flotsam", a rather forbidding namning dated 1872 by Henry Redmore (estimate £2,500 to At Bond Street Sotheby's sold arms and armour to a total of 197,680, with 6.5 per cent bought in, and English pottery and porplate went to the London trade at 55,200 (estimate £3,800 to £4,200).

Toms, Mrs Gertrude, of Middles-

brough . . . £131,484
Lloyd, Mr Percy William, of
Wolverton, Buckinghamshire
£140,405

April 1, 1955.

the core of uranium fuel and waste products melting through the reactor vessel.

At the normal operating temperature of 630°F, zirconium is stable, At high temperatures the metal reacts strongly with air. water or steam. At about 1,500° the material becomes plastic, swells like a halloon and splits to expose the fuel and fission temperatures. If temperatures is over 4,400°, the metal cladding can dissolve six to seven times its own volume of fuel. The commission of inquiry into the accident concluded that temperatures above 3.500° were generated in the upper part of the core and up to 4,000° in some the accident concluded that temperatures above 3.500° were generated in the upper part of the core and up to 4.000° in some sections. Under these conditions nearly half the cladding split and a proportion of fuel melted. The a proportion of fuel melted. The question remains, how much Until that is decided, it is impossible to assess with any confidence the risks in any attempt to remove any of the debris from within the reactor. Parts of the core are known to have collapsed; but the condition of that material is dependent on whether it consists of a significant amount of a zirconium-uranium alloy. A mixture of that nature could still cause local overbeating and the start of another explosive series Attempts have been made in the laboratory to simulate the inside of the reactor. But this has led goods for export are estimated at

OBITUARY Mr Stephen Barber, chief

From Our Correspondent

Mr Stephen Barber, chief Washington correspondent of The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph, died in Washington on March 30, at the age of 58. He had been ill for the past few weeks. His 41-year-long career as a foreign correspondent began in Chico at the outset of the Second World War where he worked as a sub-editor on the Egyptian Gazette. The son of

by shrapnel during the allied attack on the island of Elba but this did not prevent him from being the first correspondent to report the news of Mussoline's death. At the end of the war he joined the News Chronicle where he was the first correspondent behind partisan lines in the 1947 Greek Civil War. He was later assigned to write about events in Palestine and

plan rejected

fumberside County Council's fin-ance committee.

The Friary Preservation Trust, which made the application for the grant, has raised and spent the grant, has raised and spent tion to £32,500 from the Historic Buildings Council.

Church news The Rev D. Frayne. Rector of St Mary, Caterham, diocese of Southwark, to be also Rurel Deen of Caterham Deancry, same diocese.

The Rev Canon H. Garside. Vicar of St Withrid. S. Harrogate. and Priest-Inc. of Rigon, to be Vicar of the new parish of St Wittrid and St Luke, Harrogate, same diocese. SI Wilfrid and SI Luke RantonsSI Wilfrid and SI Luke RantonsSI Wilfrid and SI Luke RantonsSI Wilfrid and SI Luke RantonsInc Concess.
The Rev J. Mitchell Team Vicar
Ince of Lawley
Harriturch Torquey, same discuss,
The Rev D. Camond. Curate at SI
Edburgha, Yardey, discrese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of SI Mary Wythall. to be Vicar of St. Mary Wythall, of diocese, as Rev H. Palmer, Curate of Holy ty. Heigham, diocese of Norwich. History Chaplain for Training Mission from June 29. Rural Dean teachers. Become Theyford and Priest-in-Charge of Bhury Themselhorpe, diocese of Norwich, or also Priest-in-Charge of Wood on, same diocese. Hey A. J. Tanner, Rector of otelph without Bishopsgate, diocese of More Will, and the Priest-in-Charge of Wood on, same diocese. of Landon wall, same the control of Landon wall, same the Rev P. S. Turner, Rector of Stickhord, vicar of Stickhord and Priest-in-Charge of Eastwille with Midville and New Leaks, diocess of Lincoln, to be Vicar of Klinkurst in South Yarkshire, thoses of Sheffield. Chaptain of Speiter's and Solders, Park Hospitals, St. Chaptain of the Wearmouth Hospitals, Sunderland, diocese of Durham, The Rev R. M. Wigner, Diocessin Youth Officer, diocese of Univariety of Kirksigh, diocese of Ripom. The Rev D. E. C. Wright, Vicar of Kirksigh, diocese of Salm Warred, Slacese of Salminski, to be Vicar of Kirksigh, diocese of Wight, Vicar of Kirksigh, diocese, to be Salminski, Salminski, Marshalswick, in the

paid 15.200 for a Nuremoerg wheel-lock short musket with an inlaid walmut stock and dating from the last quarter of the sixteenth century (estimate £8,000 to £12.000), and Wharton, a dealer from Aberdeen, £6,000 for a South German wheel-lock musket of about £600 (estimate £7,000 to £10.000). October for much the same sum. The sale made a total of £150,601, with nothing failing to find a

£10,000). In the afternoon, rather than in the morning as originally advertised. Phillips sold nineteenth and twentieth-century paintings, making a notal of f134,200, with 15 per cent failing to sell. The most expensive offering, at £8.500, was a pair of scenes on the Amsterdam canals by Jan Jacob Spödler (estimate £3,000 to £4,000). Williams, the London dealer, paid £6,200 for a genre painting of a Cardinal by Georges Croegaert (estimate £1,200 to £1,800).

At Bombams a sale of silver made £56,011, with 3 per cent hought in. A table service dat-ing from about 1825 in Sheffield

Ingham, Mrs Grace Elizabeth, of Portsmouth ... £138,723
Berkson, Mr Labe Bere. of ... £137,832
Davies, Mr Herbert Ogmore-by-Sea. Glamorgan, £149,904

25 years ago

From The Times summary of the newspaper strike period for Friday,

Meat from Argentina

Britain is to receive £34,960,000 worth of meat from Argentina between now and June next year under the new trade and payments agreement. The details are given in schedules to the agree-ments issued by the Treasury after the announcement in the Comthe announcement in the Commons. Other Argentine goods to be imported to Britain include: Crain, £20m (wheat, maize, oats and barley): cotton fibre, £3,500,000; wool, £2,500,000; butter. £2m; fresh and dried fruit. £1,100,000 (including apples and pents, £550,000); frozen poultry, £900,000. Among goods to be imported by Argentina from Britain or from United Kingdom companies are: Petrodeum and petroleum products, £32,500,000; coal, £1,500,000; tanplate, £3,300,000: iron and steel, unprocessed, £1,800,000; raw materials and motors for manufacturers of agricultural machinery, £3,400,000; agricultural machinery, £3,400,000 : drugs. specifics, etc. £1,200,000; spares for motor vehicles, \$1,200,000; spares and accessories for industrial and non-industrial machinery, 52,840,000; resins, f1 025 000 : miscellaneous chemicals. £1.670,000. British capital

of the Institution of the Engineers in 1922 was also their Moulton Medal. Osborne Reynolds Medal fo many contributions, and se

PROFESSOR D. M. NEWITH

MR STEPHEN BARBER

Notable foreign correspondent

Asia.

newspapers.

After Korea he was app

ted Rome correspondent for

News Chronicle aktiough

Middle East, Africa and Among his assignments and

French collapse in South-

He joined The Daily

graph in 1961 as Delhi Co

pondent, moving to Washin two years later as the co pondent there for The Su

Telegraph. He later rejc

The Daily Telegraph as

correspondent and Washin bureau chief, latterly for

During his 17 years in Vington, he wrote about &

major political developmen

the United States from

assassination of President

nedy to the opening of

year's presidential ele

America in Retreat, a published in 1971 about A

campaign. In addition to wr

can foreign policy in the of the Vietnam War, he

vision programmes in United States and in Eu

He also contributed article many publications around . world, including the

world, including the Eastern Economic Review the Rand Daily Mail.

He leaves a widow, Dei a son, Simon, a ste-Charles, and thro daughters, Caroline and

frequent lecturer and mentator on radio and

was a frequent traveller to

Professor Dudley Maurice Newitt, MC, FRS, who died on March 18 at the age of 85, was a prominent figure in the world of chemical engineering in its ormative years, and had great influence on many generations of students. 1950.

After service in the Indian Army in the First World War. Army in the rist world war, for which he was awarded the Military Cross, he began his long association with Imperial College. Graduating with first class honours in chemistry in 1921, he moved to the infant Chemical Technology Depart-ment to work on combustion under the notorious Professor Bone, He soon established an independent reputation as an authority on high pressure engineering and the measure-ment of fluid thermodynamic properties, a field in which he retained an active interest right up to his death.

a member of the Colonial Ser-

vice, he had been born in Egypt

and educated on the Isle of

His first job was as an adver-

rizing copy writer. In 7942, he

became naval correspondent for

Associated Press (whose staff in Cairo he had joined a year

earlier), reporting all the North

African campaigns from Alamein to Anzio. He was wounded

various parts of Africa before

being sent into Korea with the first contingent of British

But, always pioneering in new and difficult fields and always the enthusiastic experimentalist, he moved on to make fundamental contributions to our understanding of drying processes, hydraulic conveying bubble behaviour and granulation. He was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1942 He was equally active in the

as their president in 1949 During the war years he Director of Research of Inter-Services Research Bu a highly effective organiz responsible for subversive

vities in enemy occupied tries. At the end of the w became the first occupar the Courtaulds Chair of Cical Engineering at Imp College, then head of Chemical Engineering De ment in 1952 and Pro R of the College in 1956. Alth much occupied with the e sion of the Department an College, and many duties side, he never lost touch his students. In fact remember him as much fo friendliness and encourage his dry sense of humour his Indian fishing stories, a his great contributions to profession.

The Department institute Annual Newitt Lecture in and it was a great pleasur all his friends that Di Newitt, in his eighties, atte these lectures and showed same qualities of wit and v development of his profession. for which he will alway He had been one of the founders remembered.

ELISABETH SCHWILLER

Elisabeth Schwiller, the International Season in 19 dramatic soprano and teacher, Tosca. Louise and M widow of the distinguished conductor and violinist Isidore Schwiller, died on March 22. She was 84. Gilly. She subsequently strin London and Paris with

By Huon Mallalieu
The estimates in Christie's sale of North American coins yesterday looked a little like most of the entrants in the Grand National when compared to the prices obtained on the day.

They were based on the standard catalogues for last year, and since then, of course, much has appened in the sale made a tend of canadian the tond on March 22.

She was 84.

She was born Elisabeth Lyons in London in 1895, and began singing as a local charities. As a girl she toured South Africa in the Frank Wheeler-George Edition the six the sale made a tend of canadian to the same sum. The sale made a tend of canadian to the sale made a tend of canadian to the course, with an appened of the day.

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They are the first the tond of canadian t Far East, Singapore, Hongkong and the Philippine Islands. She sang in the Sir Joseph Beecham Opera Company in 1911 in the chorus and as an

understudy and married the conductor. Isidore Schwiller, in 1912. During the 1914-1918 war she entertained the forces and was leading lady in several wartime revues and also toured as Prima Donna in the Allington

Her book, The Way to an exposition of the Italiar canto method, from the Go Age of singing, now almost tinct, which is her life's n Charsley Opera Company.

She sang small roles under in a private edition.

the name of Elise Leoni at She leaves a son and Covent Garden in the Beecham daughters.

death.

gave concert performance operas with her husbant conductor, and had been to

ing privately in London 1950 until shortly before

M ROLAND BARTHES

A correspondent writes:

Those who knew Roland mind to be arrested in that mind to be arrested in that or his name to become idenjoyed and learnt from his fied with some inflexible. writings, would be unhappy trine. His influence, in Fr. were your obituary of him to and elsewhere, was of the were your obituary of him to and elsewhere, was of the be received in this country as a final judgment. Barthes was inspire rather than to a final judgment. Barthes was inspire rather than to a man of the rarest intellectual others. He hated whatever vitality who was as fascinated stereotyped and therefore by the techniques of literature authentic and whatever as he was by its ideologies and emoriveness. He analyzed it, dismissive.

and loved it also. In his earlier days he did much to discredit, mitment of his your The leftwing political mitment of his younger one hopes for ever, the lifeless
positivism of the academic
study of literature in France.
He remained until his death an
incomparable source of new
ideas, and it is impossible to
read his books without becomcreators of literature and
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critics; he thought both cobe classed as writers. He became less obvious with ti

He had no one distinctive one of great intelliger critical theory of his own be- subtlety, wit and verbal force

EARL OF HALIFAX

ing a more alert and mature be classed as writers. He reader of books in general. most certainly a writer him

tration that I saw most of was an occasion that none Charles. His tali, lean, immacu us who were lucky enough late figure was known and loved throughout the world of the turf. When racing, whoever he met and passed the time of day of all races for a very long. But the control of all races for a very long. But the control of all races for a very long. But the control of all races for a very long. But the control of all races for a very long. But the control of all races for a very long. with felt that the day had been special and more enjoyable, were the most generous a Being the fairest of men, when agreeable of hosts, we accepted without friends cherished and value question,

All this was so overwhelmingly demonstrated when on that great day in June 1978 that great day in June 1978
Shirley Heights, owned and bred living in a different world, by Charles and his son Peter, world ruled only by goodne won the Derby. As their colt

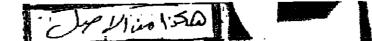
Mr Sydney Humbert Fisher, CVO. late Deputy Chief Regional Officer, London Mid-land Region, Railway Executive, died on March 9 at the age

The death of Charles Halifax stride the whole vast crowd will be deeply felt by people Epsom Downs erupted in a gr from many different walks of roar of cheers. Then follow life. It was as a colleague in the greeted him as he led his ho racing world and in its adminis- into the Winners' Enclosure. into the Winners' Enclosure. was an occasion that none be there will ever forget Sur Charles and his wife Ru

most certainly a writer himse

To sit in the lovely room the great collection of Stubbs's p

Mr F. W. ("Freddie") Rea Jahn, overseas press consulta to the Society of Motor Man facturers and Traders, died March 13 in Geneva. He was t



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US prime rate nears 20 per cent as dollar surges on world markets

By Caroline Atkinson in London and Peter Norman in Brussels American prime rates climbed

to yet another record level yesterday as Chase Manhattan Bank raised its prime lending rate to 19; per cent, the first big bank to put the rate charged to its best customers up to such a height.

Last Friday some banks had Last Friday some banks nad moved their rates up to 191 per cent, although Chase had then stayed at 191 per cent. Rates have probably still not peaked, although the tight United States money squeeze has sent them sowing in the past few weeks. Money poured into dollars

yesterday, even before the news of the higher interest rates. Foreign exchange dealers have expected a further rise in United States interest rates and have bought up the currency accordingly. There was bectic market activity as foreign central banks tried to slow the

dollar's rise. The West German Government is to arrange to borrow Deutsche marks from the United States Government to help cover its yawning payments gap of more than DM24,000m (£5,783m) ex-

pected this year.

A senior official from the finance ministry in Bonn is understood to be visiting understood to be visiting Washington this week to nego-

tiate the terms. It is expected that the United States will be offered German Government promissory notes of more than two years life in a deal similar to that recently concluded between Bonn and

However the scale of the borrowing from the United States is likely to be much smaller than the estimated 5,000m mark borrowing from the Saudi Arabian monetary agency. It is thought that the sum involved will be about 1,000m marks.

The initiative for this latest German borrowing abroad appears to have come from the authorities,

Controls on

Soviet ship

trade urged

Western Europe should con-trol trade via Russian shipping

and the Trans-Siberian Railway

in the same way that it controls landings by Aeroflot, Mr Jack Kruse, the new chairman of the Far Eastern Freight Conference

and chairman of Hapag-Lloyd

the German shipping group

said yesterday.

He described EEC efforts to monitor Russian cut-price ship-

ping passing through west Europeaen ports as ridiculous and said only forceful action

by the West would succeed in

countering the threat posed by

Russian shipping and the Trans-Siberian Rariway.

The EEC was the obvious body to provide this action but so far had failed to do so.

The railway constituted a unique threat to Far East trade

lines because it was efficient with total flexibility in pricing, and governed only by the politi-cal ambition of the Soviet

government to earn foreign ex-

change, influence the effairs of

other countries, and develop

Thus although the railway at

present carried only about 10 per cent Europe-Far East trade

compared with 15 per cent car-ried by outsiders, it was a more difficult problem to deal with Outsider lines could be dealt

with by commercial means and

could be expected to cease growing as excess shipyard capacity throughout the world

But the Russians could be

dealt with only by political action by governments con-cerned to protect the commer-

cial activities of their citizens

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was brought under control.

containerization.

By Michael Baily

lucrative haven for Deutscho mark surpluses accumulated in the course of the dollar's advance.

The operation is not there fore directly connected with the larest sharp rise in the dollar's value. German monetary monetary authorities seem to accept that they will have to live with a strong dollar as long as the present wide gap of about nine percentage points exists between yields on Deutsche mark and dollar investments.

However they do not seem to like it much. Although the Ger-man central bank was selling dollars from its reserves yester day in an attempt to slow the dollar's rise, the mark dropped 11 per cent and closed at an 18-month low of DM1.9725 to

The Japanese authorities have intervened even more substan-tially than the Gedmans. They tially than the Germans. They have spent as much as \$5,000m since Friday trying to hold up

the yen.

The high level of market intervention shows how anxious the Japanese government is to stop the yen falling and adding inflationary pressures at

Yesterday the Japanese and Swiss announced the setting up of a new exchange line between the two countries worth 200,000m yen (£369m) to defend the yen. The currency has fallen to

a two and a half year low against the dollar, closing in London yesterday at 254.5 yen Sterling performed better than nost currencies against the dollar yesterday. Although falling at one point to \$2.129 it recovered to finish at \$2.125, down 2.15 cents on the day.
In trade-weighted terms the pound dropped by 0.3 points to close at 72.3 per cent of its end 1971 value.

The Bank of England was

not thought to have supported the pound greatly. Sterling has remained remarkably buoyant

By Derek Harris,

dustry (CBI).

Commercial Editor

Misgivings abour wide new competition powers for Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General

of Fair Trading, and the lack of redress in the courts against

results of new-style investiga-

tions of anti-competitive prac-

cous of anti-competitive practices, emerged strengly at a conference on the Government's Competition Bill in London vesterday organized by the Confederation of British Industry (CRI)

Doubt on scope for future tax cuts

By Our Economics Staff
The Government is overoptimistic about
the scope for tax cuts later in this Parliament, according to the specialist advisers to the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

Treasury officials will be questioned by the committee this morning on the budget, the Spending White Paper and the medium term financial strategy announced last week.

Dr Alan Budd of the London Business School, Dr Paul Nield of stockbrokers Phillips and Drew, and Mr Terry Ward of the Cambridge Department of Applied Economics have written papers for the committee. Although the three have difterent views on the economy they are in broad agreement that there will be less room for tax cuts in 1983 and 1984 than the Government's figure of £3,500m (1978-79 prices).

The Government's spending plans are unrealistic according to Dr Nield and Mr Ward who expect a far smaller drop in public spending between now and 1983 than shown in the Spending White Paper.

The main reason for their scepticism is that much of the reduction in spending is supposed to come from a vast improve-ment in the finances of nationalized industries. This would depend on rapidly rising charges by the nationalized industries which the economists think unlikely.

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The nationalized industries

assumed in the white paper to move from a deficit of £2,300m in 1979-80 to an

overall surplus of £400m by 1983-84 (at constant 1979 prices). The Government's planned cuts in housing are also thought to be unrealistic. The cuts of £2,500m in the housing programme over the next four years would require very sharp rises in council rents, and a big increase in the

real value of rents. Although Dr Budd is less sceptical about the Government's ability to meet its pending plans than the others he agrees that the Government will be forced to borrow more than planned for in the financial strategy.

Dr Budd believes that there will be about £1,000m (in 1978-79 prices) less for tax cuts in 1983 and 1984 than in the Government's medium term strategy. Both Mr Ward and Dr Nield doubt if there will be any 22 all doubt if there will be any at all.

The picture is especially gloomy because the advisers assume much larger North Sea oil revenues than the Government does. Despite the extra £3,000m to £4,000m (1978-79 prices) from the North Sea which they expect by 1983-84, the economists still believe the Government will be up against its borrowing target.
Treasury ministers have been keen to emphasize that the Government's assumptions about economic growth in medium term are cautious. But advisers disagree; they believe that

be hard to achieve. If growth is lower than the Government has assumed then the public sector borrowing requirement will tend to be larger than allowed for.

There would be more unemployment, higher spending on unemployment pay, less personal and company income, so government tax receipts would be lower. higher unemployment than the Government. They estimate that between 2.25m and 2.5m will be unemployed in 1983 and A subcommittee of the main treasury

committee is now looking into the controversial appointment of former civil servants to key private sector jobs. Two MPs are now drafting a report, which is likely to be critical of the recent appointment of Mr John Lippett, a Department of Industry civil servant, to the GEC. Yesterday the committee published its

first report on the recent supplementary spending estimates. It called for a change in the House of Commons procedure for examining additional spending estimates to give greater Parliamentary control.

Later this mouth the Treasury commit-tee will question the Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, on the Budget documents.

Bank puts off recall of special deposits

By John Whitmore Strong institutional demandable for gilt-edged stock yesterday, morning enabled the Government to achieve its first fund-ing since last week's Budget Supplies of the long-dated spr. stock, Treasury 14 per cent. 1996, were quickly declared are exhausted.

Earlier in the morning the Bank of England had announced.

estimates suggested that rather more than half the \$800m nontinal stock may still have been in the Government broker's hands before the start of busi-

been wondering whether they, might have to cut their tap prices—there is also a short tap outstanding—to get funding

selling any in the present bank-ing month—which ends on-April 16—then they will almost certainly have to announce a new stock before the Easter

was notable for the absence of any guidance on interest rate-

then. What the authorities will clearly not do at the moment, however, is to try to over-play their hands. Sales of giltedged securities to the private sector drain liquidity out of the banking system

It is because of this continu-ing tightness in short-term money markets which in turn puts enormous pressure on the reserve assets of the banking system, that the Bank yesterday

Takeover Panel rules on St Piran

The Takeover Panel has ruled that Mr James Raper and companies registered in Hongkong. Luxembourg and Panama, acted as concert parties in controlling over 30 per cent of St Piran, the mining and property com-pany, and that an obligation was incurred to bid for the rest of Sr Piran's shares.

At the end of one of the most complex inquiries it has conducted, the Panel, whose chairman Lord Shawcross is shortly to retire, concluded: The 34 per cent shareholding in St Piran, which Mr Raper had in 1974, remained substan-tially under his control through a complex web of companies." The Panel says that Mr Raper and those acting with him, should bid for the outstanding shares at 85p each.
But, it says, there is no indications as to whether the funds
are available for such an offer.

There is no appeal against the

Mr Gordon Borrie (left) Director General, Office of Fair Trading, emphasizing a point to

Sir John Methven, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, during a break at the conference on the Competition Bill in London yesterday.

Sir John stressed the need

for the Office of Fair Trading, when it begins investigation

of anti-competitive practices under the Competition Bill after it becomes law tomorrow, to have people with practical

had to play in the operation

"Return on capital

CBI voices misgivings about new

powers for Fair Trading chief

He said:

The companies which the Panel alleges acted together and are controlled by Mr Raper are Gasco Investments (Hong-kong) with 3.45 million shares or 29.6 per cent, Ruffec (Luxembourg) with 470,000 shares or 4 per cent, Aerolinas Cordoba (Panama) with 400,000

shares or 3.4 per cent. Mr Raper directly controls 1,000 shares and is chairman of Mr Raper was unavailable for comment at his Swiss home last night, but Mr Malcolm Stone, chairman of St Piran and managing director of Gasco Investments, said that much of the Panel's evidence was circumstantial. He expressed the opinion that Mr Raper had declined to attend the hearing on March 21, after asking for because

issue was prejudged. Mr Stone said a meeting of the Gasco board would be held

Gasco had never said it would not accept the Panel's conclusion. But he did not know whether finance would be available to make an offer for the rest of the shares. And he said that as far as he knew there was no connexion between Gasco, Ruffec, and Aerolinas Cordoba.

The Panel's decision will have further implications. It will be seen as a warning that the conditions of the Takeover Code cannot be fulfilled by simply revealing the name of nominee shareholders if the identity of the beneficial holder is material. Secondly, the Panel reserves the right to determine whether a concert party exists by reference to circumstantial evidence, particularly as it re-lates to the board of directors. Piran was founded in 1970

to bring together tin interests in the Far East, mainly Thai-



the company has 65 per cent of South Crofty. Since then its board has changed frequently, and many of the directors have been closely associated with Mr Raper. Between 1973 and 1976 Mr Raper was chairman of St

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Imperial may abandon

By Richard Allen run into a batch of insurmount-

about 25 per cent of Ho-Jo's business, while new penal borrowing requirements in the Unted States could increase dramstically the financing costs of the takeover.

Meanwhile in his annual report released yesterday, Mr Howard Johnson warns share-holders that the group faces problems of rising inflation and petrol availability that could cut into its motor lodge and restaur-

when Sir John Pile, Imperial's outgoing chairman, told share-holders at the annual meeting that there were "questions still to be answered" regarding aspects of the Ho-Jo business. The subsequent silence has incensed officials on Wall Street where Ho-Jo shares, suspended after Sir John's remarks, have returned to traditional states. ing at \$151, well below that \$28 value of the Imperial offer. The New York Stock Exchange is understood to be pressing the American group for clarifica-

Increasing the confusion, Imperial has been linked with another possible United States acquisition, Banquet, the RCA frozen food subsidiary which is up for sale at more than \$400m.
RCA has mentioned Imperial as a possible rival bidder to the Coca-Cola organization, although the British group was apparently surprised at the suggestion.

Financial Editor, page 21 Union fears effects of microchip on office jobs

Technology Editor
A 30-hour, four-day working
week is necessary if employment levels are to be projected,
according to the Association of
Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex). In a report published yesterday, the association challenges the view that the microprocessor will create as many jobs as did the computer technology of the

The report says that Apex is concerned with the impact of the new microelectronic technology on the office workers who make up its membership. New technology, compared with the 1960s computer technology, is cheap and is being introduced at a time of recession and

older workers and women the most, the report claims. "The trade unions must throw their strength into the fight to pre-

becoming the principal victims of the reckless implementation of computerized technology". The union rejects the view of the Department of Employment, that the impact of microelectronics will be gradual and would not justify a radical researchment notice. structuring of government poli-

Apex believes that there music be intervention by the Government and the European Community to help job creation, and better provision for those made redundant, including training, for new skill:

Apex welcomes the increased output, productivity and im-proved living standards which microelectronic technology will make possible, but greater out-put the wealth does not automatically lead to improved living standards, employment, opportunities and working conditions for the majority, it says, Automation and the office worker, Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff. 22 Worple Road, London, S.W.19.

Government bonus goes to investment managers

Sir John Methven, the Director General of the CBI, who had given warning that the CBI cent. If the Bill's new powers would monitor carefully the implementing of the new competition legislation, was asked if Mr Borrie would not be a Cord Chief Justice, creating case law as he went along.

He said: "Return on capital in trade and industry on a return placement cost basis is 2 per cent. If the Bill's new powers were used without discrimination it could lower that return still further."

While he did not question the role which the government had to place in the congruing

case law as he went along. had to play in the operation Sir John said: "There is a of an effective and fair com-

real danger here—just as there petition policy, Sir John bewas when some time ago I was lieved that the existing powers

Gilt lining for unit trust industry

as the unit trust industry is ready to testify. Others in the interest investments. City may have reservations about this administration, but be included in the Finance for the unit trust industry Bill) does not herald an immediate block-busting campaign been good news. Like a fairy godmother, she has granted the industry's every wish and

Just before Christmas, unit trust charges were freed from the restrictions imposed more than 20 years ago. In the Budget, along with investment trusts, unit trusts were made exempr from capital gains tax. And two nights ago, just as

Many management groups had shell fixed interest unit trusts waiting on the shelves in anticipation of just such a change in legislation. Unfortunately none of them will quite fit the bill. A different trust deed, restricting investment to private individuals and limiting

It's usually bad things which trust industry to offer at long gilt funds (marketed for capital growth, not income) will need their trust deeds amended

assurances. It would, for instance, be less

likely now that investigations

would start on one tack and

end up on another because of new evidence, Sir John said. Mr Borrie told the conference

that on the contrary most OFT investigations would be following up valid complaints. "The investigation of anti-competitive

practices is a new and difficult

area where I will have to feel

my way over successive years.
"I have no intention of re-leasing, like some latter-day Genghis Khan, a golden horde

of officials to ravage British

industry in an attempt to achieve some meaningless

some

months before the new gilt funds will be able to roll off the production line. So the unit meantime, interest rates don't

Margaret Stone

awards yesterday. Mr Ken Grange, head of the

The council has nominated seven manufacturers, two in Scotland and five in England,

In all, 228 candidates were considered but the council con-ceded that most arose from the

The winners were Bramah

For Britax it is the third time that it has qualified for such an award, the previous ones being given for an indusmirror designed for commercial vehicle. The company has also gained a double this year by qualifying for an award in motoring designs for its rear

rising unemployment, it says. The impact of the new technology will affect young people,

vent women office workers from

Building talks in jeopardy

The future of the Group of Eight, which represents the construction industry in infor-mal talks with the Government, is again in jeopardy. Mr George Henderson, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union construction and crafts group, yesterday withdrew from today's group meeting with Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the

Environment. Mr Henderson, one of two

union representatives of the group, is considering whether to withdrawn permanently. In recent months he has become increasingly dissatisfied with talks with ministers which had feels have failed to evert further cuts in the industry's workload.

The group, which also includes representatives from the employers' organizations and the professions, only recently pro-suaded the Urien of Comment tion, Allied Trades and Tochnicians to return to membership.

travel poid that it was to defer its plans to recall more than £500m from the banking system next Tues day. This money will not now have to be lodged at the central The committee believes that there should be a new procedure committee and that all the new departmental select com-mittees in the House of Commons should bank as special deposits until s allowed to examine spending estimates £6,300 before they go to the main house for approval. This should ensure better management of public spending in the The major factor in bringing institutions into the gilt market, committee's view. yesterday, however, appears to have had more to do with the a de la The committee may decide to question officials from the Bank of England as well as officials from the Treasury. They will certainly do so later on in the course of a big inquiry into the running of monetary and economic policy. Prices had already moved higher on Monday afternoon and yesterday's follow-through-29,500 per cent a year growth after 1980 will They expect to begin this by Whitsun, and to complete it within a year at the most. The committee will also probably publish a paper on the Government's confound the Government broker; able to supply the tap stockwithout cutting his price.
The stock which currently trades in £50 paid form was exhousted at £50 5/16. Market sultative document on monetary control, which was published two weeks ago. 26,000

> ness yesterday.
> The authorities will doubtless be happy about vesterday's sales. They had found the market's initial reaction to late. Wednesday's Budget rather dis-appointing and may well have,

moving again.

As it is, they must now decide how quickly to produce a replacement stock. If they wish to have any chance of

holiday. With money markets generally expected to remain tight for some weeks yet and with short term interest rates once: again above 18 per cent, the Bank may also defer this unwinding operation. On the other hand, pressure on some clearers could now be somewhat relieved with Treasury 91 per cent 1981 falling into reserve asset status. Until there is some general easing in the money market conditions, there can be little prospect of an early fail in the Bank of England minimum lending rate. Although the Government is under pressure from business to reduce interest rates as quickly as possible, the

trends over the short term. The Government is keen to see rates lower, but the further rise in overseas rates is not making things any easier and: there could be considerable problems for domestic monetary control once the "corset" is removed unless it is clear that corporate sector borrowing is starting to decelerate sharply by

system, that the bank yestemay decided to make yet another deferral of its plans to recall money from the banks

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107.00 1.77 152.00 the Commons was about to rise, Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced an important change effectively enabling the unit

come in threes, but not always last funds specializing in gilt edged securities and oher fixed,

> by unit trust managers Much as they would welcome the creation of such funds, the Likend Revenue's approach means they must delay their plans,

> investments to United Kingdom securities only, will be required. Even the handful of existing

in order to pay basic rate tax of 30 per cent on their unfranked income instead of corporation tax at 52 per cent.
And here's the rub (in the best of fairy tales there's always catch) the Department of Trade is already snowed under with applications, some 50 or to change existing trust deeds thanks to the earlier dispensation to derestrict charges. It is going to take several

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Howard Johnson bid

Imperial Group seems to be on the verge of withdrawing its controversial \$630m (£295m) Johnson, the United States hotels and restaurants chain. Neither group would com-ment on the position yester-day, but it seems the deal has

able last-minute problems.

The deal is still blocked by liquor licensing problems in four states, which account for the state of the last state of the last

Speculation that the bid would collapse began last week

Director General of Fair Trading. There is an enormous panopoly of powers being invested in one man and here we are going into an entirely new scene that is quite untested." of the Director General and of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission were already sufficiently wide. It was because the wider powers were so imprecise that the CBI had pressed for clarifications and **UK** design standards challenged

It is becoming more and more difficult to find original British designs worthy of award, the Design Council said at its annual announcement of

judges' panel said: "Money is not being invested into the design of new products. There is no commitment even though we have some of the best designers in the world."

Council's research to discover companies not registered. Security Equipment of London (for its new padlock), Donald Brothers from Dundee for its new fabric collection; Crabtree Electrical Industries of Walsall's design of light switches; Britax-Excelsior from Surrey for its design of a safety yachting har-ness; Vango of Glasgow for its design of a "stowaway" rubber dinghy; Ian Proctor Design from Devon for the company's dingby paddle; and Goodwin Wheeler Associates of London for its plastic seating for bus stops and stations.

trust industry, at least, will not ones being given for an indus-be too disappointed if, in the trial harness and a heated

Uncertainty over US indicators

The United States Commerce Department's index of leading economic indicators for February suggests that the economy was faltering even before the government's March round of fiscal and monetary curbs.

The department said the index fell 0.2 per cent in February, the fifth consecutive monthly decline, after drops of 0.3 per cent each in January and December.

The February drop left the index 4 per cent below last September's level.

Chrysler finance

Mitsubishi Motors of Japan Antsubsen Motors of Japan has said it will continue to finance exports of its cars to Chrysler in April because Chrysler and seven Japanese reach an agreement on credit arrangements.

Japan oil target

Japan saved 94.3 million barrels of oil last year, achiev-ing the International Energy Agency conservation target of 5 per cent, the Natural Resources and Energy Agency

New Jakarta airport

The French Government will lend 900m trancs (£95m) for building a new international airport in lakarta. The airport is to be built 13 miles west of the city centre and is expected to cost about £146m.

Opec meeting

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, has confirmed that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will hold a special meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, starting on May 5.

GM raises car prices General Motors is to raise car prices by an average of 2.2 per cent from today.

Petrochemicals growth

Exxon forecasts an average annual growth rate of 5 per cent worldwide for petrochemicals in the 1980s, down slightly from the previous

Consortium believes London site could become technological centre

Town of the future on the Thames

A new technology town could spring up on the site of the former Surrey Docks in the Southwark loop of the Thames downstream of the Tower of London. Just as the City of London is the centre of financial expertise and resources, so the new Southwark site could become a focus for Britain's technological expertise, with a climate of innovation without precedent in this country.

This is the view of the Southwark Quays Group, a consortium of six organizations which has put in one of 15 proposals for the redevelopment of all or part of the 120-acre site. The Greater London Coun-cil and the London Borough of Southwark, joint owners of the site, are expected to narrow the 15 down to a short-list of five by the end of this month.

Most of the proposals offer various mixtures of shopping, offices, industry and housing. Trade centres and hotels are also featured. The Associated Dairies proposal includes a theme park whose themes could include the space age and

Lysander Estates would install a mono-rail link across the Thames to Wapping. Albion Exhibition Centre would devote the entire site to a national exhibition centre. Earth Life Centre would create an alternative energy centre linked to educational facilities and new technology development and manufacture.

But the Southwark Quays scheme is parricularly interesting in its approach in that it offers a solution to a national need

as well as to th local one. Small innovative companies would be encouraged to set up in business on the site, with the intellectual if not financial support of neightbouring, research, development and educational units.

The postgraduate Cranfield Institute of Technology is interested in setting up an international short-course centre as part of the Southwark Quays development. An industrial design centre is envisaged, together with a campus for electronic tech-

To ease the problem of communications to the site, Southwark Quays favour the use of wa waterbus service along the Thames—'London's High Street for many centuries". A canal following the line of several of the former docks would in turn provide a High Street for the site itself, from which pedestrian paths would radiate out into the various areas.

'The canal boulevard with its quays, trees and cafes and three-storey buildings forms the backbone to the scheme and gives it an identifiable sense of place," the proposal states. Between 12,000 and 17,000 jobs could be created, for a total investment estimated at about £354m. An area on the site is envisaged where

the new technologies may meet to design, test, manufacture and promote their ideas The schemet would include factories. warehouses and offices; a district shop-ping centre and street market; residential

accommodation; workshops and research facilities for electronics, new technology and software firms; craft industries; gradnate and job training centres; research institutions: a conference and exhibition complex; and a roll-on/rool-off terminal to serve the area.

"Our scheme is concerned with the reversal of the present repulsive image of the inner city by generating a new urban environment that will attract workers," Mr Ray Moxley, project coordinator for Southwark Quays, said.

"Wet reject the accountants' architec ture and repetitive boxes of postwar London and seek a human scale more akin to Old Bloomsbury than London Wall; the tree-lined central canal of the scheme with its shops and cafes will form an Amster dam type of focus for the new workshops laboratories, the assembly and distributive studios, the nomes and hostels, the recreation areas, al creating a new living community in town."

Members of the group are St Mary at Rill Properties; Westminster Architects Consortium; Knight Frank & Rutley, property consultants; Peat Marwick Mit chell, management consultants; Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, main contractors and Andrews, Kent & Stone, consulting

"Two-thirds the size of Venice, two
miles from the City of London," Mr Moxley enthused yesterday. "It is a marvellous opportunity."

Kenneth Owen

Leyland and National |£10m training plan for link on Titan bus plant development areas

By Clifford Webb Leyland Vehicles has solved the problem of where it should produce the Titan double-decker bus. It is combining forces with the National Bus Company to build a £4m factory adjoining the jointly-owned Workington

The Titan was launched more than two years ago with great hopes that its fully-integrated construction—as opposed to traditional chassis and custom-built bodies—would lend itself to assembly-line methods and go a long way toward meeting the shortage of double-

However productivity at the Park Royal factory in North London was so poor and the workfurce so uncooperative that six months ago Mr David Abell, chairman and managing direc-tor of Leyland Vehicles, decided to close the plant and find a new home for Titan.

deckers.

The phased closure will be completed in about two months with the loss of 600 jobs. In a belated and unsuccessful attempt to reverse this decision Park Royal workers have improved output in recent months and are now close to the plant target of seven Titans a

also jointly-owned with National but problems with the workforce over the acceptance of semi-skilled labour meant that this was unsuccessful.

Finally Leyland turned to the Workington plant, which has been producing the very suc-cessful Leyland National singledeck bus since 1972. It has one of the best labour relations records in the whole of BL and its workers are experienced in integral construction work.

Work has already started on the building of a 90,000 sq ft factory which is due for completion by the end of the year. It will provide 275 new jobs in an area of high unemployment.

To reduce the break in Titan

production the partners are renting a disused 25,000 sq fr factory, near by, for pilot pro-duction and worker training. Even so, Titan will be out of production for about 10 months

—until next April.
Leyland has already lost orders to rival bus makers. notably Metro Cammell and Volvo, because of the interruption, but it still claims to have orders for over 900 Titans. Nearly 200 are already in service with London Transport and other bus operators have about

The new home originally Workington will have capacity selected was Eastern Coach for about 14 Titans a week when works at Lowestoft, which is it is in full production.

Industrial Editor

Plans for spending £10m to promote a training scheme for companies investing in special development areas were outlined yesterday by the Government Government.

Mr David Mitchel, Parialmentary Under Secretary of State for Industry, announced that a new scheme of regional selective assistance had been drawn up for immediate implementa-tion. Using funds under Section 7 of the Industry Act, compa-nies will be able to secure assistance towards certain inplant training costs.

The costs of the scheme were covered by the provisions made last week in the Government's Expenditure White Paper which expects a substantial reduction n the levels of regional assistance and industrial support schemes over the next four years.

The scheme will be applied on a selective basis. Assistance will only be provided by the Department of Industry where projects would not otherwise go abead, and will embrace manufacturing projects providing a minimum of 25 jobs in the two grades of assisted areas.

According to Mr Mitchell the scheme will finance training for between 7,000 and 10,000 jobs a year and clearly is designed

to have a big impact on areas where traditional industries are being run down.

Assuming that the Govern ment's hopes for the creation of small businesses are realized, those companies moving into special development areas which have been developed to take account of steelworks closures will be among the first beneficiaries.

Half of the gross costs of the scheme will be met by the the balance, it is hoped, will be made up from EEC Com-mission funds.

Whitehall officials have been discussing details of the scheme with the Commission and the indications are that the addi-tional cash will be made available from the European Social Fund.

Although the prime require-ment to qualify for the training scheme assistance will be the creation of jobs, companies which are diversifying into new products or employing new production techniques which will preserve existing jobs will also be eligible for Last night the industry de-

partment stressed that assist-ance would be limited to cases where the training element was essential to the success of the project.

Unemployment

problems in terms of real wages

From Dr John Drewe Sir, In his letter of March 25, Professor G. W. Maynard pos-tulates that involuntary unemployment could be reduced if workers were milling to accept cut in real wages.

This assumes, first, that there is a direct measure between prices and wages, and secondly that profitability is always directly related to labour costs. The first assumption is contentious, and the second is untrue unless the industry is labour intensive.

In many sectors of high technology industry, it is capital plant and research equipment which constitute the major outlay, while labour costs are comparatively trivial. Certainly British products are becoming progressively less competitive than their foreign counterparts, but often one has to look no further than the fact that the productivity of the worker

depends on the capital invested. There is a reduced incentive Golders Golders in both research and London Number modern plant now that, March 25.

in the absence of exchange controls, a higher return can be obtained by investing abroad, where inflation is lower. In addition, many avenues of research, which are in the long term essential to the survival of a high-technology business, are becoming too costly to pursue, while our foreign competitors in many cases receive considerable assistance from

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

their governments. This assistance is in the form of substantial research contracts (for example, from Nasa) which enable private groups to make profitable advances in technology with a low outlay of their capital; favourable taxation for a newtechnology industry in its formative years, and effective protection against foreign competition, particularly in America and Japan Yours faithfully,

52 Leeside Crescent. Golders Green,

Relation of earnings to business results

an eloquent case for relating earnings to the results of a business, preferably through shareholdings. But I fear that his advocacy of the two his advocacy of the two dimensional grid as a way of overcoming the problems of large size ignores the practical problems of the concept. We have used such grids for

many years not merely to link the company-wide results to those of a smaller unit. One can also use the same principle to link different measures, eg, added value per £ employee costs with added value per £ capital employed, or added value to staff costs with added value to direct costs. Equally it is possible to apply a gearing factor to give more importance to one of the two measures.

The approach is useful as a way of communicating results way of communicating results or management goals (the fundamental purpose of pay) but if it determines pay then the outcome may be divisive. Thus with one company we found that the grid would give larger hopus payments to those larger bonus payments to those whose work was being made easier—a forecast which was as unacceptable to the bene-

of the plan-the how as distinct from the how much—and in its subsequent monitoring. Secondly the need before launching such a plan to invest as much time in looking at forward projections as is usually given to analysing past results. Finally to recognize that as management consultants we are misleading our clients to des-cribe these plans as "incen-tives" with the implication that they can operate in the same way as traditional PBR schemes. They cannot. They can only contribute to the growth of new attitudes, but many of us, in-cluding I am sure. George Copeman, believe that this is by far the most important objective of a payment scheme.

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN H. WOOD, Director. Binder Hamlyn Fry & Co., Management Consultants, 227-228 Strand,

Mortgage rate and financial hardship

From the Secretary General the Building Societies Ass

Sir. The Director of She (Mr Neil McIntosh) stated March 21 that his organize was "already helping fam in severe financial difficu because of the record mort rate" and that specification families have defaulted on had their hi mortgages, had their reposessed and found selves homeless ".

Shelter has not, how been able to produce to association any evidence this is in fact happening I wish to reiterate that n will be turned out of his l simply on account of the re increase in the mortgage t

Building - societies are tensely sympathetic when i strated by a borrower and do everything to helo him, to the point of allowing debt on his mortgage acto rise temporarily. Yours faithfully, N. E. GRIGGS,

Secretary-General The Building Societies Association, 81
34 Park Street,
London W1Y 3PF

Delay to Land-Rover delivery

From Mr Bancroft Clark Sir, I ordered June 4. through a reputable mote retailing company one Rover 88 Petrol Full L Tilt, this is the basic Royer. I was offered and a to delivery between Marc May 1980. I asked in Fet whether these dates heli-was told I could now a delivery between July October, 1980. This is 14 months from the date of BANCROFT CLARK, 1 Middleleigh, Street,

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Schroders

The Earl of Airlie, Chairman of Schroders Limited, reports on 1979.

The disclosed consolidated profit after taxation of the Group increased by a third to £6.599.000 compared with £4,943,000 in 1978. A rise in the disclosed profits of the banking and insurance companies was accompanied by further increases in the earnings of the non-banking subsidiaries and of associated companies. The Directors are recommending a final dividend of 14p per share, making a total of 17.4373p per share, an increase of 35 per cent over 1978.

The Directors have decided to increase the book value of the banking and insurance subsidiaries in the balance sheet of the parent company by £22,161,000 to a figure equal to the aggregate of their attributable share capital and disclosed reserves; an equivalent sum has been taken to reserves. Following this move the Directors are recommending that the issued share capital of the Company be increased through a one-for-one capitalisation issue.

Profits of J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited were higher. The banking division's earnings from its lending activities improved despite a continuing erosion of margins and money market activities again made a useful contribution to profits. While the fee income of the company finance division was marginally below our record level, the investment division had an excellent year. A significant increase in new business was achieved by the Schroder Life Group and Schroder Leasing Limited once again made an important contribution to the earnings of the Group.

Our United States companies achieved record profits. The increase in earnings reflected continued growth following the capital expansion programme implemented at the beginning of 1978. Total assets increased by more than a fifth to US\$1.5 billion, but the ratios of loans and deposits to our capital base remain conservative and will permit further expansion. The trust division's business grew significantly and the investment banking subsidiaries, J. Henry Schroder Corporation and Schroder Oil Financing & Investment Company, Inc., both enjoyed record profits.

J. Henry Schröder Bank AG, our Swiss subsidiary, again achieved satisfactory results. Interest income of the banking division was marginally lower but the investment division is becoming a significant contributor to the bank's profitability.

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The swingeing increase in the price of energy over the past year was an important ingredient in the alarming resurgence of inflation throughout the industrial world. Prices, particularly in the United Kingdom and the United States, are now rising at a level which must be regarded as wholly unacceptable and which if sustained will threaten the entire economic fabric of our societies. The reduction of the rate of inflation is without doubt the greatest single challenge facing the world today. Meeting this challenge is bound to be painful and will call for great resolution on the part of both governments and those they govern.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Annual General Meeting of members of the Leprosy Mission (International) will be held at Bloomsbury Central Eaplist Church, Shollesbury Avenue, Radiologist Church, Shollesbury Avenue, Radiologist Church, Ass. Bender 1970, at Ass. Bender 1970, at Ass. Bender 1970, at Ass. Bender 1970, and Report, and audited abstracts of accounts of the year onded file-barrers and aumonia Council Members, and it of the transact and of the Pariness as chrumstances required with the held in thirteenth Annual Meeting on Thursday, 188 May, 1980, at 4,00 p.m. at Bloomsbury Council Bablist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W.C.2. for the presentation of the Annual Report, and the election of Council for the sending use Public Meeting of the Leprosy Mission will follow at 6,50 p.m.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A taste for gilts

banks may feel that they are ing something by pumping vast quan-of dollars into foreign exchange ts. The Japanese, for instance, are red to have sold anything up to n since Friday. But many outsiders

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east the Bank of England has not nder the same sort of temptation with g continuing to show considerable e strength. It may have fallen by just per cent against the dollar over the onth, but the trade-weighted index is in 11 per cent down and appreciation the Deutschemark, for example, has /er 4 per cent.

y's March reserve figures may give a hetter indication as to how far any smoothing " may have gone, but, he already acute pressures in short-ioney markets, it is probably just as at the authorities have not needed to sterling on any great scale.

is, the authorities have had to defer uled recall of special deposits for the me (this time from mid-April to midand with the funding machine back ar yesterday, they may also have to nrward this month's planned repuri gilts by the clearing banks.

inly, money markets expect the tightness to extend right through ath and with three month interbank to 18½ per cent yesterday (and States primes at 19½ per cent lost the authorities remain in a delicate

rday's exhaustion of the remaining in io of the long "tap" should, however, iven them some more general esponse to the Budget. It remains to how quietly they will provide a

> y well be that the April money is reasonably well under control On the other hand, there is a on to have a partly paid stock in tet in time for next Thursday's bankres which are generally expected to at the moment there is no funding post mid-April.

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aper

publication of yesterday's state-- St Piran, the Panel on Takeovers gers has swung the big guns round rloo. For this is going to be the case rmines whether the Panel is a force koned with, or simply a sop to the conscience of the City.

nel's case against Mr Raper, former of St Piran, is that he and parties - im he has been acting in concert, merely retained the 34 per cent ling in the company which he in 1974, but have augmented it ad that, in consequence, they are -- make an offer for the remainder of s under Rule 34 of the City Code. sestion now is what the Panel is-

to about it. The answer, it appears, t for "a reasonable time" to see Messrs Raper and others come up goods, and failing that, whether be induced—if necessary under the suspension of the shares (which worry them, but certainly worries any's bankers)—to dissipate their or to sell them on to someone who epared to make the offer required. ion, unfortunately, is likely to hurt suffering independent shareholders mpany quite as much as the bunch a accuses of exercising de facto their possible detriment.

me will tell if this tough talk must 11-be followed by equally tough eanwhile, it is regrettable that the ald not have chosen better ground oving fight. Its case against Messrs d company is strong, but not conit is largely based on circumstantial ; and Mr Raper's supposed s deny it.

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ture Bank's annual report makes it clear

group is still in search of the elusive in in the United States. Congress a stop on foreign acquisitions of hoanks until July and the possiwing that the ban will be extended, in an election year. hile, the Midland has bad to con-

tent itself with expansion in France where its wholesale subsidiary is now operating and where it has acquired control of BCT, a bank specialising in property which hit a rough patch a few years ago. In any case Midland's strong links with correspondent banks throughout the world is to some extent a substitute for real expansion

An analysis of the split of deposits shows that last year the level of currency deposits has grown from 25 to 34 per cent, a reflection of Midland's efforts on the currency markets. Significantly, too, the level of



ord Armstrong of Sanderstead, chairman of

current accounts as a percentage of sterling deposits has shrunk from 41 to 36 per cent, perhaps explaining why the Midland might think about changing the cost structure of its current deposits.

So, a modest profit improvement this year -say from £315m to £330m-would put the shares at 320p on a prospective fully taxed p/e ratio of no more than 3½ and would yield over 10 per cent if the dividend rose by around 15 per cent. This is not a high rating for a leading clearer even if interest rates do fall in the near future.

 The unheralded inclusion of new rules in the forthcoming Finance Bill which will enable a new kind of unit trust to emerge to deal in fixed interest securities should do much to revive the ailing spirits, not to mention sales of the unit trust industry. Its inability to market gilt-edged unit trusts, because of the extra tax burden it placed on unitholders, has been a major impediment to progress.

In the past the Whitehall line has always been that to open up the gilt market to unit trusts would detract from the Government's own direct sales to the public. To the extent that the new arrangements effectively preclude mixed equity and gilt funds. it seems likely in fact, that sales of the new gilt funds, which should hit the market in a few months' time will indeed come from existing fixed interest investors—not neces-sarily in gilts—looking for professional management, rather than equity investors looking for extra cream from their high

income funds. The advent of domestic gilt funds should not have too great an impact on the £170m offshore gilt fund sector, which will still be ment record and probably lower charges.

Imperial

Doubts about

Ho-Jo

Imperial Group's American takeover aspirations seem to be crumbling; dealings in Howard Johnson stock re-opened on Monday at just over \$14 on Wall Street, half the bid value of Imperial's bid terms, and was only slightly higher yesterday.
At present all shareholders know is what

Sir John Pile, the outgoing Imperial chairman, said last week that there are questions still to be answered" on the

Imperial, sitting on investments, mainly gilts, of £350m, is a solid income stock, yielding 13.1 per cent and will undoubtedly make much better profits in the current year if the Ho-Jo bid fails than if it succeeds if only because of the penal borrowing costs involved at present. But if the Ho-Jo bid is off, Imperial, after

four years of static profits, will surely have to produce some alternatives. One may be a scheme to pay out part of its cash mountain to shareholders.

Meanwhile, any withdrawal at this stage will not help the credibility of Imperial's strategy among investors on both sides of

waiting for evidence of a recession in the United States before predicting a global downturn, but the feeling seems to be gathering strength among western central banks and Treasury officials that 1981 for the world economy than 1975, when recession affected virtually all leading industrial

And even though the true recession in the United States may not get underway before the end of this year, the effects of United States policy are already spillin gover on to continental Europe. Britain, until now the sole obvious candidate for recession in the European Community, could prove to be just the forerunner of a down-turn affecting all the EEC

possibility of Europe moving into recession prompts the question therefore as to what can be done to achieve an eventual recovery.

Patent remedies for the world's economic ills come and go like disco crazes. Having captured the imagination of economic policy makers for several months, the "soft landing" could now be about to take the same road to oblivion as the "convoy" and "locomotive" theories before it.

The soft landing was that com-forting theory whereby econo-mic activity in the West would run down gently into a shallow recession from which a managed recovery would be fairly easy

But President Jimmy Carter's belated but stringent counter-inflation policy, following last year's big increase in oil prices, probably means that the next recession will be deeper and the fall into it steeper than anticidant dangers of depreciation and imported inflation.

How capable is the EEC

of coping

with a recession?

Peter Norman suggests that the Community is

in a weaker state than in 1975

to face a fresh economic downturn

Senior central bank and Treasury officials from the leading The effects have been grotesindustrial nations of the West had a first opportunity to assess the world economic outlook in the light of the Carter pack-age at a series of meetings held que in the case of some of the traditionally hard currency countries that participate in the European Monetary System. Belgium, for example, has an inflation rate of around 6.6 per anization for Economic Cooperacent at present. Its bank rate stands at 14 per cent, while a first class corporate borrower tion and Development in Paris To bring on a recession is is having to pay overdraft rates of about 20 per cent, making the real cost of borrowed funds around 13 per cent. what the tough credit policy of Mr Paul Voicker, the chairman of the United States federal reserve board, is all about. The

In West Germany, where the year-to-year consumer price rise is still just under 6 per cent, the federal government is having to pay nearly 10 per cent for medium term funds. Belgium has already been hit

by a rash of business failures, particularly in the traditionally The problem is that Mr Volcker's policy has also restored confidence in the dollar thus forcing other couninterest rate sensitive areas of construction and retailing. In West Germany, where there is tries to try and match the high America interest rates or court still a carry over of last year's

medium-sized manufacturers spreading next year to the construction, automobile and investment goods sectors.

The combination of the voicker credit squeeze and the strong dollar is threatening the economies of those EEC countries with low inflation rates at a time when major industrial countries like Britain, France and Italy with double digit inflation have no alternative but to give priority in policy to com-bating rising prices.

In general the EEC is facing the prospect of a new world recession in a weaker state than it entered the recession of 1975. Europe will be moving into 1981 with a higher under-lying rate of diffusion and higher level of unemployment than six years before. It is expected that the sur-

plus of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries —estimated at \$120,000m this year-will prove more difficult strong growth performance, year—will prove more difficult government officials are forecasting hard times for small and price rises of 1973-74. Not only

will the Open states adjust their . oil output to avoid the reappearance of production surpluses, but the revolution in Iran should continue to put a brake on ambitious development programmes in Islamic states that otherwise would have

absorbed western manufactured goods. But perhaps more disturbing is the argument, that the EEC will not be able to spend its way out of recession in the same way that member states

Just as the oil crisis of 1973 and 1974 was followed by only limited savings of energy, so the recovery from the recession of 1975 produced only a partial curback in the level of public borrowing in the member states of the EEC.

boosted domestic demand after

The net central government borrowing requirement as a percentage of gross domestic product in the EEC rose from 1974 to 5.9 per cent in the recession year of 1. cent i nine recession year of 1975 although it was cut back subsequently to 3.2 per cent in 1977. By last yea rit had crept back upwards 4.6 per cent.

It is significant that West Germany, which has the soundest economy of any of the". EEC members states, has been clamping down on public expenditure since the beginning of this year.

So far concern that Europe might be lacking in ammunition to combat recession has been expressed at the level of senior. officials only. But pressure can now be expected to build up for the world economic summit in Venice in June to consider the threat of recession.

For if the West cannot devise. a strategy in time, individual countries could seek the answer in protectionism.

John Huxley

Dutch pay the price for their cheap gas policy

Since natural gas was first dis-covered in the vast North Sea Groningen field in 1959, The Netherlands has become almost synonomous with gas in any analysis of the European

seeking to make the most stuck advantageous use of Britain's North Sea oil and gas riches have frequently sought pointers in the experience of the Dutch over the past 20 years.

About 85 per cent of Duch homes rely on gas for hearing and about 80 per cent of industry uses gas. Altogether gas meets more than half of total energy needs in The Medical Control of the control of th energy needs in The Nether-

At the same time, the country is the world's largest gas exporter, supplying Western Europe with 41 per cent of its needs. Yet the of the exploitation of immense resources reserves at the beginning of last year totalled 1,739,000 million cubic metres

is a cautionary tale.

The Dutch now face the prospect of paying more for the gas they have begun to import to conserve the precious Groningen resources than they are paid for the Groningen gas

it exports.

Mr Gijs van Aardenne, the eyen threatened to cut off gas supplies to West Germany, France Belgium, Italy and Switzerland if higher prices are

depletion policy adopted by the Dutch in the 1960s. It was feared that unless gas was re-covered and sold off rapidly, The Netherlands could—in the words of Gasunie, the national energy scene.

Politicians and economists owned by the Dutch state—"b. with our buried

late last month.

United States economy has been

sustained in recent months by

consumer spending, in itself an

expression of an inflationary

mentality. Real interest rates are the primary method of curbing these trends.

a flight of funds from their own currencies and the atten-

Dutch energy experts remain understandably defensive about the decisions taken 20 years ago. They argue that only retrospect can they justifiably be criticized for committing so much gas so early, and thereby closing other energy options. They accept, however, that what now appears a short-sighted readiness to serve im-mediate ends has far-reaching lessons for all those involved in exploiting precious natural

Gasunie explained recently: In the 1960s the notion of energy abundance prevailed. Moreover, people thought very highly of the advent and significance of nuclear energy.

Thus in the gas marketing plan from that period, gas sales policy was directed at fast penetration of natural gas into domestic energy supply and penetration of considerable guant.

Moreover, people thought very energy demand and supply up to the year 2003. The general im, according to Gasunie, is to natural gas in The Neinerlands for as long as possible in an economically justified mandomestic energy supply and the penetration of considerable guant. export of considerable quan-tities of gas."

Then in the mid-1970s came huge Opec-inspired oil price change of policy embodied in the government's 1974 memorandum on energy, which called for increased conservation, exnot agreed. pansion of nuclear power and The muddle started in the coal use and the reduction of

natural gas depletion to mini-mum levels consistent with existing contracts, some which were due to run for up to 25 years.

There had been a sudden recognition that The Nether-

lands was sitting on an in-creasingly scarce and expensive resource, whose depletion had to be more carefully controlled.

No new natural gas sales contracts are being entered into that existing contracts will not be renewed. Shortfalls were to be met by imported oil and gas. Between 1974 and 1978 import

contracts for about 100,000 million cubic metres of gas were concluded. An attempt was made to index-link gas prices with oil, but the system still does not function efficiently.

There is now a new gas attempt has been made to chart energy demand and supply up

ner".

The main plank is conservation of the low-cost Groningen resources for the most efficient users and as a strategic reserve. tation of smaller natural gas reserves within The Netherlands is also being pursued. The supply of liquid natural

about further imports are be-ing held with the Soviet Union, Iran, Nigeria and Middle East countries. Domestic conservation poli-

cies have been reinforced. The sales strategy is aimed at secur-ing supplies for the most efficient users, with no increase in supplies for burning in power stations. The energy conservation tar-

get is to reduce energy inputs per unit of output by 10 per cent between 1977 and 1985, and by a further 20 per cent before the end of the century. An evthe end of the century. An ex-pensive national insulation programme is being undertaken to reduce household heating requirements. government's The

energy strategy also assumed a greater role in meeting the nation's energy requirements for coal and oil, and nuclear power, but each poses particular problems. Environmental objections are likely to make a switch to dirtier coal resources a slow and probably painful process.

The Netherlands has only meagre oil reserves and is dis-

turbed by the prospect of buying in supplies on a market which is increasingly dominated by government-to-government deals.

tion that, after many years of delay, there will be any immediate progress in the nuclear power station programme given gas has been negotiated with the strength of Algeria and Norway and talks about its safety. the strength of public feeling

But the more immediate problem for The Netherlands is not a shortage of energy so ... much as the price it and its . customers should pay. In the area of natural gas, this probe in lem has become critical in recent weeks.

On the one side, the Dutch of now face long delays in obtaining supplies from Algeria under the terms of a contract signed of the terms with the state energy group.
Sonatrach. On the other, in measures are being taken to make it technically possible for the Netherlands to stop gas going to its West European neighbours if they continue to refuse to agree to price rises.

Of course, many countries would willingly have the problem of the Dutch. After all, natural gas still provides almost 10 per cent of government revenue, although its contribution is falling. And the existence of such reserves—dwindling though they may be ling though they may beshould provide a basis for security, if not prosperity in the energy-hungry eighties and

But it is a continuing irony of the Dutch energy equation that the present pricing system—by which there is a delayed adjustment of gas prices to cover part of crude price rises -means that Dutch consumers are paying more for gas than foreign customers-at a time when the government, along with other western nations, is facing financial difficulties.

The million dollar campaign trail about 300 people and roughly 100 of these are in the "tra-velling circus", moving from

Washington Thousands of dollars will again have been paid out vesterday to cover the contenders' costs in the Wisconsin primary contest in the United States.

Money is changing hands fast in the Presidential election

American elections are big business. Costs run into tens of millions of dollars as contracts are made with public relacions are made with public relations firms, advertising agencies, television and radio companies, car and bus rental concerns and charter sirlines. A one-minute television commercial can cost \$50,000, and the presidential appropriate this year.

idential campaigns this year may cost over \$200m.

The biggest bite out of the campaign budgets goes to advertising. There are specialized according to the campaign budgets.

which know how to split the advertising budgets between radio, television, newspapers and magazines to the best

One such expert is Mr Elliot Curson, whose private advertis-ing agency in Philadelphia has been planning and producing television commercials for Mr Ronald Reagan, the former Governor of California, who leads the race to become the Republican Party's Presidential candidate in November's elec-tion. Another is the Goodman agency in Baltimore, which has been recruited by the cam-paign for Mr George Bush, another seeker of the Republican nominarion. And then there is Rafshoon communica-

Mr Gerald Rafshoon's claim lized companies with years of to fame is that he played an experience in making radio important role in 1976 in mas-and television commercials terminding one of the most

Adam Thomson: "a mixed

Rolls-Royce engines for its cur-

rent order, four 747s, worth a total of £70m—£20m of it going

B Zimhabwe Rhodesia's return

to the outside world is progress-

ing apace. The first inter-

national hotel reservations

agreement since the start of

UDI has just been signed— between Zimbabwe Sun group and the booking concern Utel. Sun managing director Peter Bester told Business Diary that

rooms are at a high premium

in Salisbury because of busi-ness visitors, and an expected

reception ".

to R-R.

Frank Vogl

brilliant presidential marketing strategies of all time—the Jimmy Carter selling plan. For a time Mr Rafshoon left his private advertising agency to advise the President from within the White House on im-proving his public image, down to influencing Mr Carter to change his hairstyle and grin less before the television cameras.

Mr Rafshoon is now back in the private sector, running a whose sole client is the Carter

gest single outlay, another is The Carter campaign employs

While advertising is the big-

state to state as the primary elections develop. As they go, they run up bills at Avis, Hertz and other car rental companies and at hotels and office buildings, where they rent space for short periods.

Travel costs alone can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr Woodward says he handed over a \$100.000 chehe handed over a \$100,000 cheque at one point in the 1976 campaign to United Air Lines. Now, when Mrs Carter and vice-president Mondale go on the campaign trail (the President says that he will not cam-paign outside Washington until the hostages are released in

Iran), they fly in an official presidential jet—but they have to pay for it as it is being used for a political campaign. The cost works out at slightly less than that of privately charter-ing an aircraft.

One of the most modest campaigns for some time was that of Congressman John Anderson, the dark horse liberal Republican contender. Early in the campaign he had so little financial support that he had to take taxis but now that his to take taxis, but now that his primary showings have been better than expected, private citizens are sending cash and

he has a limousine and driver. Mr Harry Koplin, a member of the Anderson Campaign por Jerry Brown of California, staff, said that expenditure in February alone amounted to \$1,400,000 for Mr Bush. and

\$833,697, a rough break-down of this was: \$492,634 on adverof this was: \$492,634 on adver-tising, \$133,000 on salaries, \$50,000 on telephones, \$75,000 on travel and accommodation and the remainder on renting office space, printing and pos

A lot of money goes into the money-raising business itself and here too there are some expert firms with valuable mailing lists and experience of knowing just how to phrase a letter to win a contribution.

Nothing is more gruelling for
the caudidates than roising
cash, as they consume one rubbery chicken after another and
make speeches to the faithful who pay 5100 or more for the honour of eating with the candidate.

But candidates that do get reasonable public support can receive matching funds from the Federal Election Commis-sion, which carefully monitors the campaign expenses of all the candidates. This money is a great help.

According to the reports for candidates still in the race, as filed with the comtotal spending so far of the Corter compaign has been 56,400,000. As to the others it has been \$5,300,000 for Senator Kennedy, \$9,600,000 for Mr Reagan, \$1,400,000 for Gover-

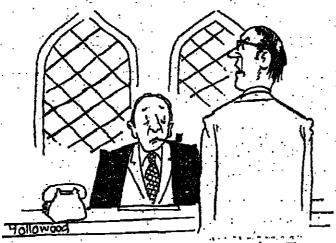
Business Diary: Belch's next move? • B Cal over Cathay

ber of directorships Ross Belch is tucking belt suggest that his of the chair and director's job at Scott cannot long be selch, who is the boss the lower Clyde, l his intention to leave my earlier this year. ming to an end a long the shipbuilding inich has included prethe Shipbuilders and National Association malization—and mem-

the organizing comd board of BS. ng the board of Assotish Engineering, the upany of British Polar e has taken his directo seven. chief executive is

arry, a former Ocean group man who was I force in the BS corarégi, department in

days buying maintain an in the future of the ng industry through ction. Meanwhile, the on for his successor. videly expected that to run Scott Lithgow



I'm sorry headmaster, but I'll have to resign. The continuous squeak of the new slates and slate pencils is getting me down:"

prize is starting to cure the

When the Ravensdown Group announced its first buyer of the year award three years ago it had 30 applicants. The following year there were 200, and

Parker, chairman and last year 300.

Ravensdown have split the Scottish marine award into three sections this iders, and a part-time of the BS board will be and turnover, in an effort to the section of and turnover, in an effort to win entries from some of the

Britain's industrial buyers One result of the Budget seems are a notoriously shy butch to be that economists are oust-but the prospect of a £1,000 ing Irishman as the best of after-dinner speeches. For instance, did you hear the one

about the Cambridge economics appeal. student who failed his finals? At re-sits the next year he finds himself faced with a paper looks remarkably which familiar On tackling an examiner about this, he is told : examiner about this, he is told: Boeing 747s.

"Oh yes. The questions are. Cathay were particularly inexactly the same—but the consed because it has a buy-answers are quite different." British policy and stipulated

Hongkong may not be on the verge of declaring UDI, but the colony is still feeling touchy over its treatment by the old country, as Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, has recently discovered.

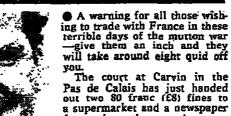
Thomson has just returned from the colony where he was extolling BCal's virtues in preparation for the launch of the line's London-Hongkong service, due to sart in August. But the locals are still smart-ing over the fact that the indigenous airline, Cathay Pacific, failed to win a licence from the Civil Aviation Authority to fly the route.

BCal's London office tactfully admits that Thomson's reception was "mixed". The GAA's decision, which has been denounced by one Hongkong newspaper as "colonialism and imperialism at its worst", will be the subject of an appeal by Cathay Pucific to the Secretary of State for Trade, John Nott. Thomson was told by the Governor, Sir. Murray Maclehose, that the Hongkong Gov-

The CAA allowed BCal into the Hongkong route which only British Airways flies at the moment because it felt the line's DC 10s were more suited to the traffic than Cathay's

erament will firmly support the

tourist boom is fuelling an hotel expansion programme. It is a far cry from the bad old days of UDI when reservations from Britain could only be made by a private phone



using the word pouce (inch) in advertisements, with no mention of their metric equivalents. The prosecutions were brought by the Metric Society of France, which acts as a con-

sumer watchdog in these mat-ters. The legally approved argument is that since nobody in France knows what a pouce is-apart from being the word for a thumb-then the consumer must be being duped. • Collars will be felt at a diner in Treorchy next week

and woe betide defaulters. In deference to local trade workers affected by cheap imports, the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers have stipulated that guests must wear British clothes. And they are promis-ing to check labels.

It is all apropriate enough, because the dinner is to honour former union chairman Idwal Brace who has just worked his first full-time week at a local firm since last September.

David Hewson

Time waits for no man.





Stock markets

Buying surge exhausts new tap

on Monday continued to grow of the stock was soaked up by yesterday as the prospects for the institutions. The renewed an end to the 13-week old steel interest in gilts came as no

a renewed surge of buying of funds continued to build upenabled the new "tap" to be In the event, the new "tap" activated—only to finish exclosed £1 up on the day at hausted a short time later.

However, this time around dealers were more confident as they reported the appearance of buyers in the market once again. Bed and breakfast bargains continued to be a strong feature of trade, only this time they took second place to the institutions which were eagerly mopping up large amounts of loose stock.

Once again trading began on a cautions note with some con-fusion and nervousness as to whether the steel union would return to work on Mr Bill Sirs' recommendation.

But as ethe morning wore on the market became steadily more confident and buyers in gilts pushed prices steadily

This resulted in the new tap" Treasury 14 per cent "tap" Treasury 14 per cent 1996 being activated only to be exhausted. Estimates suggested

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strike took a step closer to real surprise to jobbers, who reality. Equities made further protions to show their hands gress in the wake of gilts, where before long, as the huge influx In the event, the new "tap" closed £1 up on the day at £501, after £505, with rises

> The shares of UDT have been strong for the past two days on rungurs that the company might divest itself of some of its fixed-rate hire purchase husiness. If this were to happen. UDT could get out of the "life-boat" and this would enhance its prospects to obtain full banking status. The shares re-mained unchanged at 58p vesterday.

clsewhere in the list showing gains of between £1 and £1. At the shorter end, the story was somewhat different with falls of around £1/16 in subdued trading dued trading.

Reports in after-hours trading that the steelworkers and blastfurnace men's union had accepted the return to work

Latest results

-(-) 3.8(3.4) 0.30(0.32) 0.09(0.13) 0.21(0.13)

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19.5(13.8)

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Eisewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. *=Revenue available. †=Trading profit.

2.4(3.5)

7.3(5.9) Nil(Nil)

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The firm trend established that between £500m and £700m call, gave a further boost to Lloyds 7p to 300p. Barclays n Monday continued to grow of the stock was soaked up by prices, although this was not could only manage a 2p imesterday as the prospects for the institutions. The renewed shown in the F.T. Index which provement at 410p.

have gained ground on the recent strength of the currency. ICI climbed 8p to 374p along lar helped Boots to a 7p rise with Fisons 11p to 267p, at 183p.

Beecham 2p to 120p and BAT's Bid speculation continued to 9p to 235p. Elsewhere Bowater, reporting next week, advanced 6p to 169p, Glaxo 8p to 248p while Racal put on 2p to 214p

and Dunlop 1p to 56p. Unilever was unchanged at 408p.

The renewed strength in the dollar also helped insurance companies. Commercial Union gained 2p to 134p as rises were seen in Phoenix 2p to 216p and Sun Alliance 6p to 544p. The

been greatly exaggerated by the thin trading conditions. National Westminster rose 8p to 318p, Midland 7p to 318p, following the chairman's statement, and

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18/3

total

1.85(1.55)

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up at 432.4 after 5.5

Among stores the reconstructed Gieves Group commenced trading at 45p before closing at 49n The approximation of the big dollar earners which tered improvements, although talk of a bullish brokers circu-

> Bid speculation continued to darw in support for Githrie 50p higher at 925p and Barget rose another 4p to 20p following the recent partial bid from Hongkong-based Tinnox. Speculative attention was also good for rises of 3p to 133p in MAM's,
> 4p to 178p in Low & Bonar and
> 13p to 163p in Saatchi &

Comment was good for rises Sun Alliance 6p to 544p. The latter two are reporting full-year figures today along with insurance broker Willis Faber 8p better at 248p. Alexander Howden, which reported last week, rose 5p to 108p.

Banks followed the general market trend, although brokers felt that price movements had been greatly exaggerated by the

acquisition, and investment sup-port saw RMC improve Sp to 159p.

Among the batch of com-panies reporting. Silkolene Lubricants edged ahead 7p to 135p after a doubled dividend payment and improved profits, and Wace climbed 7p to 63p on a better-than-expected performance and 1-for-4 scrip.

mance and 1-for-4 scrip.

Mines had another fairly mixed day with most closing the day off the top. In Australians BHP spurted 20p to 605p as St Piran jumped 10p to 73p after the announcement that former chairman, Mr James Raper may be forced by the Takeover Panel to bid for the remainder of the comoany. company.

Equity turnover on March 31, was £98.113m (20,428 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were BP. Shell, ICI, National Magnitudes. Park CEC PATE Westminster Bank, GEC, BAT's, Boots, Premier Cons, Ultramar, Lasmo, Consolidated Gold Fields, RTZ, Beecham, Court-aulds and Marks & Spencer.

Barratt Developments buys US housebuilder

By Peter Wainwright - it is unable to say what they
Barratt Developments, Britain's leading private housebuilder, which erects 11,000
homes a year, has bravely
decided to go deeper into debri Having inspected the United States market, which is about ten times bigger than the United Kingdom one with between 1 m and 2 m houses hoing built and sold almost 3,000 houses in California and houses. The land bank appartment of the control of t decided to go deeper into debt. man, says that this is the first being built every year, Barratt has bought all the equity in American National Housing Corporation, a leading Cali-

ornian housebuilder. The initial cash consideration is \$12m with additional payments between 1983 and 1986 based on net assets and profits. Barratt says that American National made profits of \$2.9m in the year to April, 1979, but

law change

The Institute of Chartered Accountants has come down against proposals to replace the auditing of small company accounts with a more limited review. In a memorandum to the Department of Trade, published yesterday, its members say that there should be no change in the

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law which at present requires the accounts of all limited com-

The accountants say there has

been no strong pressure for change from the users of com-

pany accounts. But they recog-nize that members of their profession are worried about the

problems of complying with

increasingly stringent auditing standards in the case of small

companies. They suggest that an answer to the dilemma might lie

in a reduction in the number (now over 692,000) of limited companies, many of which, they

say, are dormant or have no function.

opposed

By Adrienne Gleeson

panies to be audited.

in Newport Beach, in southern Californiai. In 10 years it has

time a United Kingdom housebuilder has bought a United States opposite number and the group plans further acquisitions in the United States in the next few years.

The news was enough to lift the shares 2p to 119p yesterday, but even so the market still worries about Barratt, whose borrowings are mounting at a

time when United Kingdom house building is going into re-

cession. It is now entering a new market where interest rates have recently shot up to almost 20 per cent, unprecedented in the United States, and house-

building is going into a slump. The United States is also a country where housebuyers have even more of their incomes geared up in prior commitments than in Britain.

Barratt recently reported in-terim profits 42 per cent up at £11.5m though it was, and is, subsidizing mortgages.

For this year Barratt is possibly on course for profits of £27m but next year is the criti-

products division were The diamond business in 1979 was fir: of supplies, then sh demand. But a move in profits from automotives down from £2.18m to £1.23m. However, increased capital allowances and stock relief diamonds should aid rect 1930. Profits from Unicorn's

The building division, which is involved in fire protection and insulation, had an excellent year and trading profits were shares yield 7 per cent at 228p nearly two-fifths higher at 512.1m and the cash released by 2.

Cape expects recovery from the automotive side in 1980 and

Accountancy | Pretax profits slip at Cape Industries

By Peter Wilson-Smith Building and automotive pro-Building and automotive products group Cape Industries, which is 67 per cent-owned by Mr Harry Oppenheimer's Charter Consolidated, just failed to make up for the absence of second half profits from the mining division which was sold last June for £15m.

Pretax profits for the year to December 31 were 2 per cent down at £12.5m on sales ahead by 13 per cent to £204m.

the mining sale kept interest charges film below what they would have been.

engineering division failed to show any improvement over a disappointing first half. The home replacement market for brake linings was weak and original equipment contracts on the continent did not material. the continent did not materialize. This left the year's trading

reduced the tax charge so that earnings per share rose from 43.9p to 45.1p. The dividend — more than twice covered by current cost profits — is raised by a fifth to 16.7 more The

yould have been. continued if slower growth But the automotive and from the building division.

heavily—over £3.5m in 1979 covered by cash flow—on new

Watts up 16pc to £3.51m Watts continues to spend

Exports set the pace at Watts, Blake, Bearne in 1979, rising by a tenth in volume and a quarter in value to £10.95m.

This was the main reason behind the 16 per cent rise in group profits to £3.51m before tax on group sales ahead from 519.1m to 522.3m. The group produces ball clay for the ceramics industry.

plant to raise added value, and plans to spend about £20m more in the next five years. The dividend has been raised by a tenth to give a yield of 3.1 per cent at 168p.
The current year has started

but less exciting convention were The engineering strike dispute at Universal C in Stafford cost film at of the £400,000 aboveedundancy costs were i here too. After a proportionatel

tax charge, attributable rose. But the rights issu tion left stated earnir share down from 16p t

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down by 12 per cent to 1 4

profits left Unicorn Ind.

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the shortfall, which was 't

a 26 per cent rise in Sales

group's abrasive materia

diamond products to £92.

Interest charges rose

1.04m to £1.08m. Al

working capital and buyi the outstanding 50 per c.

A full year's contr

from the whole of diamon maker Craelius helped

the downturn in diamor chanting and pre-interest of £3.58m from the d

pushed up group net lings by £4.5m to 40 per

Craelius for over £2m-

as taking on board its

shareholders' funds.

Unicorn raised £5.63m rights issue last April,

ember 31.

The year's gross c rises by 16 per cent t to give a yield of 13.2 I at 77p—down 3p. The p. on stated earnings is 5. Mr Brian Ball-Gree chairman, says the overseas markets, account for three-fif sales, are dull. But the is expanding in counter activities such as oil and mineral exploration hopes to make higher pt 1980.

Briefly

American Trust: Dividend for year to Jan 31, 2.64p gross (2.21p). Revenue available for ordinary £1.65m (£1.35m) after tax £1.15m (£1.03m). EPS 2.05p (1.7p). NAV per share 65.3p (60.6p).

(60.6p).

BBA Group: Yorkshire-based maker of friction materials, conveyor belting and asbestos textiles, reports a sales increase for 1979 of 14 per cent to f137.3m.

Pre-tax profit was up 5.8 per cent at £8m. Total dividend is 2.63p a share.

Saga Holidays: Turnover for year to December 31, £1 year to December 31, £11.8m (£11.5m). Interim is 3.9p gross (3.57p). Premx profit, £1.15m (£974,000). Chairman reports £11.8m significant drop in demand for holidays throughout industry and it is unlikely that expected growth will materialize.

Local Authority Bonds: Interest rate on this week's issue of year-ling bonds is 171 per cent. Issue price is 100 (last week 171 per

price is 100 (last week 1/1 per cent at 100).
Polly Peck Hidgs: Acceptances of offer made on behalf of Restro have been received in respect of 3.02m shares. Offer became unconditional on March 12. Restro or controls approx S8 per cent of voting rights of Rolly Peck.
Offer remains open until April 14 and will close on that date.
Alexander Howden Group:
Kuwait Investments Office on Alexander Howden Group:
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March 10 sold 100,000 shares, on
March 13 50,000 shares, and on
March 21 50,000 shares leaving
interest at 7.1m shares (7.83 per

cent.

Premier Consolidated Oilfields:
Says that Amoco production has begun seismic exploration on Great Salt Lake prospect in Utah. Fairey Holdings: Mr Angus Murray, chairman comments on current uncertainty about future ownership of group and its effect on morate of management and workforce. Apart from this, his annual report is of good prospects. Barget: Again no dividend. Turnover for year to September 30, £2.79m (£4.99m). Pretax loss £839,000 (loss £245,000). As a result of this and following discussions with Tinnox, a Hongkong group controlled by Mr Jose de Venecia. jr. Tinnox has agreed to have 30.5 per cent stake. Consolidated Oilfields:

group controlled by Mr Jose de Venecia. jr. Tinnox has agreed to buy a 50.5 per cent stake. Greencoat Properties: Gross revenue for half year to December 31, £2.03m (£1.99m). Pretax profit £2,000 (£26,000). Group's legal problems in Paris are not yet finally resolved. In the United Kingdom the group's main effort has been devoted to the Kingston development, where construction development, where construction is under way and a letting prois under way and a retrieg programme has commenced.

Laurence Gould: Pretax profit for 1979 £214,000 (£134.00). EPS 131p (103p). Dividend is 42p (17.5875p). Board says that despite national recession, a highly competitive international profits and a likely slowdown in

mgnly competitive international market and a likely slowdown in United Kingdom farming profits group expects to achieve some increase in turnover and profit in CLRP Investment Trust : Pre-tax revenue for half-year to end-February 1980 £432,000 (£252,000).

February 1980 £432,000 (£252,000).
Nav 105.2p (102.3p). Interim 1.6p
net (0.9p). Board forecasts a
maintained final of 1.9p.
W. Tyzak Sons & Turner: Turnover for 27 weeks to February 2,
£2.23m (£2.12m). Pretax profit
£4,000 (£57,500). Extraordinary
profit on sale of garden tools business £117,000 (nil). EPS 2.4p
(3.5p). Dividend 2.85p gross
(1.78p).

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Ingall industries: Turnover for half year to December 31, £2.13m (£2.12m). Pretax profits £91,000 (£131,000). EPS 0.82p (1.17p). Interim is 1.06 gross (0.96).
Rockwell bid for Serck: In addition to the terms already announced, accepting holders may elect to receive for all or part of their holding of Serck ordinary shares, floating rate unsecured loan notes 1980-85 at a rate of 77½p nominal per ordinary shares.

Wesleyan & General Assurance Society

Record Production & Progress, in Life Departm Improved General Branch Results Increase in Reversionary Bonus Terminal Bonus introduced for S.E.P. Policie

Extracts from the speech of the Chairman, Mr. J. D. W. account. The House Purchasis ment was kept busy with resolution of the Report and Statement of Accounts :-

Investment. On the investment scene the overall picture is satisfactory. The institutional property market remained buoyant throughout the year and our rental income showed a useful appreciation as the higher rents resulting from

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.but what do Steetley actually do?

Steetley progress

Results for the year 1979



Growth in 1979 stemmed from a well-balanced range of activities, a large capital investment in modern plants and an established market in important growth areas of the world.

Highlights of the year

- Our total profits exceeded forecasts made by both Steetley and Gibbons Dudley at the time of the merger.
- In the United Kingdom, despite the severe weather and the national transport strike early in the year, our profits were increased.
- Our overseas companies increased their profits by 46% and contributed 30% of the Group's operating profit.
- Including acquisitions our capital. expenditure in 1979 amounted to £54.6 million.

Copies of the annual report and of the above illustrated current corporate publicity material are available on request.

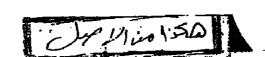
Turnover 133.3 UK including exports 46.5 North America 53.7 34.5 Àustralia 31.6 Western Europe 4.4 South Africa and Middle East 250.3 Surplus before tax 17.8 UK including exports North America. 4.I. 1.9 _Australia _ 0.1 Western Europe 0.3 South Africa and Middle East 23.7 27.4 (3.3) (3.9) Interest payable less investment income 20.4 23.5 Net profit after taxation attributable to 17.8 ordinary shareholders 153.6 206.6 Capital employed 19.8 54.6 Capital expenditure (including acquisitions) 32.64p 38.84p Net earnings per ordinary share 7.263p 30.5p Ordinary dividend 6009 Number of employees



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lusuisse rejects Conalco deal

weizerische Aluminium risse) has decided not to ise its option to buy a r 40 per cent interest in Louis-based Gonsolidated nium a Corp (Congolidated isse chairman Mr Emanuel suisse had the right of elusal on the 40 per cent it held by Phelps Dodge Phelps Dodge said at the i February it was discusses sale of this interest with

l potential buyers.

International

Mr Meyer told a press con-ference the price of \$125m asked by Phelps Dodge was too

Inflation accounts for some of

The report said indications

Under an agreement with Phelps Dodge, the latter had to offer its Conalco shares to the

madian Pacific buoyant

adian Pacific's consoli-The group plans capital expenditures in 1980 of CS1,500m. net income in 1979 was and CS508.1m or C\$7.06 the increase over 1979, but the bulk of it represents additional linary share, according to mnual report, released spending to expand or improve the productive capabilities of the various enterprises.

dends of C\$1.70 an ordishare were the highest aid by the company. l assets reached were that positive influences oom and group capital on 1980 earnings would outag reached CS1,200m. weigh negative ones.

3V narrows losses

Schelde-Verolme (RST), 1978. The operating result in-therlands largest ship-cludes Fl88m for depreciation g group, said yesterday compared with Fl87.3m a year g group, said yesterday narrowed its losses in earlier. at was proposing to pass jend again this year.

said its loss last year an egative Fl37m, was sub-121.9m (£4.8m), against tracted from the operating result thus accounting for the was, a positive F115.1m negative net result, the com-a negative F177.8m in pany said.

I rating cut

lard and Poors Corp said action reflected the company's York it had cut its rat-use of interest grace periods on all public debt issue by certain debt obligations and prorp to double "C". posal to recapitalize principal rating service said the on some senior obligations.

.. The balance of other income

terms as discussed with the potential buyers. The 30-day period for Alusuisse to decide expired on Monday.

Alusuisse already holds a 60 per cent interest in Consolidated Aluminium.

Mr Meyer said it would have been irresponsible for Alusuisse to acquire the 40 per cent interest at the \$125m price, in view of what he described as Conalco's inadequate profits.

Honda offering

Honda Motor Co announced plans yesterday to issue to the public 40 million new 50 yen shares of common stock at Tokyo market prices with the payment to be made on May 31. As a result, share capital will rise to 33,070m yen from 31,070m. Proceeds will go towards a 65,000m yen exansion programme.

were that positive influences Pernas-Sime Darby

The Malaysian-based Pernas-Sime Darby Holdings said yes-terday it had purchased a further 30 per cent of the equity of Japanese-owned equity of Japanese-owned Kubota Agricultural Machinery (KAM) to take its stake to 90 per cent.

KAM is engaged in the assembly and distribution of

the Kubota range of agricul-tural machinery from Japan. The sum involved in the shares was not stated.

Pioneer Concrete

Pioneer Concrete Services said in Sydney, it plans to raiseA\$55.23m via a one-forthree rights issue after greater than expected mineral and energy acquisitions. Pioneer directors said this

had meant a deferment of other projects. The issue of 44.31 million 50 cent shares will be made at A\$1.25 a share.

trading was by no means buoyant and recovery was not expected for some months, the chairman, Mr Leonard Regan (pictured) told the annual meeting vesterday in London. He said the 1980 capital in-

vestment programme had been further reduced, while the strength of sterling was hurting export profits.

However, the reduction and

final elimination of losses in certain areas this year would help overall results, he added. The company had 1979 pre-tax profits of £8.5m, against £14.5m in 1978 on sales of £313m, compared with £323m a vear earlier.



Panel rules on St Piran

In 1978 the company mude pretax profits of £8.5m. up nearly £2m. Assets were £16m. It is expected that profits will not show such an improvement this year, although it is thought that the accounts may not be qualified as they were in 1979.

The existence of nomince shareholding and the possible extent of Mr Raper's control over St Piran first came to a head in 1978 when the company acquired just under 30 per cent of A. Monk,

At the beginning of 1979 a number of shareholders initia-ted an unsuccessful action in the High Court to prevent eight companies, though to represent Mr Raper, from voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Shoreholders' resolutions at the EGM were defeated, and a further restraining order was sought to prevent the directors from acting as a board. But it too was turned down.

St Piran was now the subject of investigations in Hongkong. Singapore and Australia. After a stormy annual meeting in

many shareholders tried to find out the identity of proxy votes, the Department of Trade an-nounced it would also launch an inquiry. That inquiry is still

The Panel started its investi-gation after the EGM in March last year with an examination of the stock transfer forms. Much of the evidence in the

Panel's report is drawn from a study of share transfers. It says that many of the transfers were made without a change in beneficial ownership, a de-vice which helps to reduce stamp duty. It concluded that Gasco was in fact controlled by Berriedale, a Hongkong company, itself controlled by Bathgate, a Bermudan investment company. Both the latter are said to have been dominated by Mr Raper.

As a consequence, the Panel says that when Mr Raper disassed of his apply shareholdings.

posed of his early shareholdings 1974 amounted to in St Piran, which by March 1974 amounted to 34 per cent of the then issued capital the proceeds of the sales effectively

returned by a circular route to the buying companies. Financial Editor, page 21

Desoutter Brothers' 10 pc rise

ter Brothers (Holdings) reports pretax profits up from £3.4m to £3.8m on turnover up from £19.6m to £22.4m for 1979.

A tax charge of £1.4m com-pared with £1.7m last time leaves earnings per share up from 16.92p to 24.63p. The final dividend of 6.43p gross makes a total of 10.3p against 8.8p last

The board comments that so far this year orders received are continuing at a satisfactory

However, the high rate of inflation and the strength of sterling may have some effect on trading margins so the 1980 figures may not equal those of 1979.

Silkolene seeks trustee status

The Belper-based Silkolene Lubricants is increasing its share capital to give its shares "trustee status". The face value of the shares is being written up from 10p to 25p. For 1979, pre-tax profits have risen from £869,000 to £1.06m, on turnover of £10.97m against £9.02m. The dividend is raised from 3.72p to 7.14p

Mr R. G. Dalton, chairman, says that the group has entered the 1980s on an optimistic note, but profits for the cur-rent year will be affected un-less present industrial disputes are settled soon.

Bid for London Intercontinental

Certain directors at London Intercontinental Trust have agreed to sell to Glasserton, their family interests at 267,900 ordinary shares of LIT, some

26.79 per cent, at 12p.

Classerton will then extend trading, against £4.87m from trading, against £4.76m. The trading prifit was £2.78m, comremaining shares in LIT at the pared with £2.85m.

same price of 12p. The offer will be conditional only on acceptances being received in respect of 24.21 per cent of issued ordinary share capital.

Glasserton intends to re-activate the business of LIT and restore the listing. The agreement is subject to satisfactory answers to certain queries concerning LIT being provided by April 21.

Racal says 88 pc took its share offer

Acceptances of the ordinary and "A" ordinary offers by Racal for Decra have reached some 88 per cent. Elections for the cash alternatives represent about 12 per cent. Some 30.10m Racal ordinary shares will fall

to be issued under these acceptances, and f8.6m will fall to be Racal has declared the offers wholly unconditional. Dealings in the Racal shares will begin today for deferred settlement on April 23.

Southampton Steam Packet ahead

Southampton Isle of Wight and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet reports a pre-tax profit for 1979 at pre-tax profit for 1979 at f1.43m against f1.08m. This includes a surplus on the disposal of fixed assets at £4,000 compared with £156,000, as well as interest and dividends received £215,000 (£67,000). After tax this leaves £685,000 (£516,000). The dividend is 27 per cent against 22.5 per cent.

Law Land trading profit slips

Over 1979, turnover at Law Land rose from £9.92m to £10.02m including £4.87m from

Interest charges took £2.74m against £2.6m. The dividend is raised from £57p gross to

Independent valuations of properties held as fixed assets on an open market value basis, were carried out as at December 31. The total value amounted to £64.13m compared with a book value of £51.70m

and the resulting net surplus

has been credited to capital

London & Liverpool acquisition

London and Liverpool Trust has reached a conditional agreement for the acquisition of Regent Autocar. The consideration is to be satisfied by the issue of 2.76m new ordinary shares credited as fully pand, some 45.9 per cent of the in-creased issued share capital. The vendors intend to place im of the new shares in order to comply with the requirements

of the Stock Exchange. insufficient (961,673) are placed to reduce the vendors' holding below 30 per cent, the Takeover Panel has waived any obligation of the vendor to make a full bid.

H. Brammer hoists pretax profits

H. Brammer & Co, the transmission belting and rubber products group, raised pretax profits from £5.5m to £6.4m in 1979. Turnover rose from £31.7m to £39.1m.

At the trading level profits rose from £5.05m to £5.9m, but rose from £5.05m to £5.7m, quithe pretax profits are struck after interest received of £420,000 against £375,000 last time and after profit on sale of non-trade investment, which non-trade investment, which contributed £116,000 against

The final dividend of 5.3b gross makes a total for the year of 7.86p against 7.14p last time.

ess appointments

me Platt reappoints mer finance director

errick Willingham is re-the role of finance of Stone-Platt Industries. 1 McGrath will now be-ill-time chairman of the

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NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LTD. April 1st, 1980

and marketing director of Aveling

Professor J. C. Higgins has joined the board of Amos Hinton and Sons in a non-executive capaand Sons in a non-executive capacity.

Mr Alan H. C. Colls has been appointed a director of Stewart Wrightson Holdings.

Mr N. K. L. Webb is now a member of the board of Eyas, Mosley & Co, and the boards of Byas, Mosley (Life and Pensions) and Byas, Mosley (Reinsurance Brokers).

Mr Medhat Lutfi has been elected by Ernst & Whinney as senior partner of its Middle East firm.

Mr. David C. Walsh has been

Mr David C. Walsh has been appointed group managing direc-tor of Ellis & Everard with effect

from May 1.

Mr P. H. W. Southern has been
Mr P. H. W. Southern has been appointed commercial director of The English Industrial Estates Corporation.

Mr J. C. Thompson has become managing director of Higher Speed Metals, He remains managine director of HIP (Powder Augustus) metals). Mr E. B. Clark continues as director in charge of day-to-day operations at Higher Speed Metals.

Mr Geoffrey H. Nuttall is now

production director of B. S. & W. Whiteley.

Mr Mervyn Thomas has been appointed director of the National Tyre Distributors Association.

Mr A. R. Devereux has resigned from the board of Scottros.

Mr K. W. Meldal Johnsen has been appointed a director of Howden Group.

Mr D. O. Spyer is now a member of the board of C. E. Costes and Co, the wholly owned banking subsidiary of United City Merchants.

Merchants.

Mr G. G. Watson is to be a director of Richards, Longstaff (Pension and Trustee).

Mr M. G. King and from the

Mr M. G. King and Dr D. D.
Brown have retired from the
board of CSR. Sir Leslie Thiess
has deferred an invitation to join
the board.

Mr Peter Bosworth has been
elected president of the Institute
of Training and Development for
1980-81.

Mr A. W. Frost and Mr R. R.
Williams have become directors
of C. E. Heath & Co.

Mr David Alliance has succeeded Lord Chelwood who has
retired as chairman of the Compton Webb group.

Mr Nell Maidman has been
appointed managing director of
Brico Engineering from April 14.

Mr Kenneth Bartley is to be
chairman of Daniel Greenaway and
Sons, and continue as managing
director. Sir Derek Greenaway is
retiring from the chairmanship but

director. Sir Denek Greenaway is retiring from the chalcmanship but remains life president. Mr Robin C. Chaventre is appointed commercial director and Mr Trevor S. Jones development director. Mr Keith Braner has been appointed director-general of the institute of Sales Management. Mr John H. Goodman takes over as chairman to the senate of the institute this mooth.

Mr Malcolm Bell has become general manager and a director

general manager and a director of Sainsbury-GE (Home Improvements).

Mr J. C. Golding, Mr G. Syrois and Mr P. Talbot Willoox have been appointed to the board of Eggar Forrester (Holdings).

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-821 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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"We have the resources of manpower, money and organisation, to meet all the challenges the future has to bring."

Extracts from the Statement for 1979 of Lord Armstrong, Chairman of Midland Bank.

The Group's results

In 1979, record pre-tax profits of £315.5 million were achieved by the Group, including the share of profits from associated companies. This represents an increase of 36 per cent. over the pre-tax profits for 1978 which incorporated the profits of Bland Payne, our insurance broking interest which has since been sold. After taxation, minority interests and extraordinary items, an attributable profit of £166.2 million was available to shareholders.

Our performance last year was materially affected by the exceptionally high level of interest rates. Nevertheless, for the whole period our activities were adversely affected by the operation of the Supplementary Special Deposits scheme which precluded us from competing freely for new business. Another feature of particular concern has been the increase in our operating costs.

Provision for future development

Whilst the profitability achieved in 1979 may be viewed with satisfaction, it is necessary to remember that the attributable profit of £166.2 million is needed to meet the demands of capital adequacy, to pay a dividend and to provide a contribution towards further investments which are essential to the future development of the Group.

To meet these requirements, we must look to our profits after tax as, unlike industrial companies who have the benefit of stock relief, banks are given no tax allowance on the growing volume of capital which has to be held as backing for a deposit base which increases in times of inflation. It must also be remembered that to support the Group's developing activities it has been necessary to increase our capital base both by rights issues and issues of subordinated loan stock, which together have raised over £400 million during the last five years.

Capital resources

During 1979, 795,000 shares were issued under the profit sharing scheme and options were granted on a further

1,420,000 shares. A revaluation of the more important freehold and long leasehold premises of the Group has resulted in a surplus of f126.2 million.

Shareholders' funds, including retentions from this year's profits, have increased in money terms during the year by £260 million to £1,220 million.

Our total capital base was further augmented in December 1979 by the issue of US\$125 million Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes 1989 by Midland International Financial Services B.V.

the Bank's Dutch subsidiary. In the light of the position which I have outlined above, we are confident that we have the capital resources to be able to take advantage of investment or business opportunities which may arise.

Group strategy

In 1974 and 1975 we reviewed our strategy and set before ourselves objectives designed to take advantage of the new freedoms we had been given and to realise the potential of our recent acquisitions - Thomas Cook, Montagu Trust, which included Samuel Montagu and Bland Payne, and Drayton

We decided that while our domestic banking, with its traditional blend of money transmission and lending services, must be and should remain the hub of the Group's business, faster growth and a greater proportion of Group profits should be looked for from operations outside the United Kingdom itself, and from activities other than traditional banking.

Dividend increased

The Directors have declared a second interim dividend of 12,5p per share which gives a total for 1979 of 20.0p per share, compared with 16.44p per share for 1978. The cost of these dividends is £32.6 million, leaving £133.6 million for retention in the business.

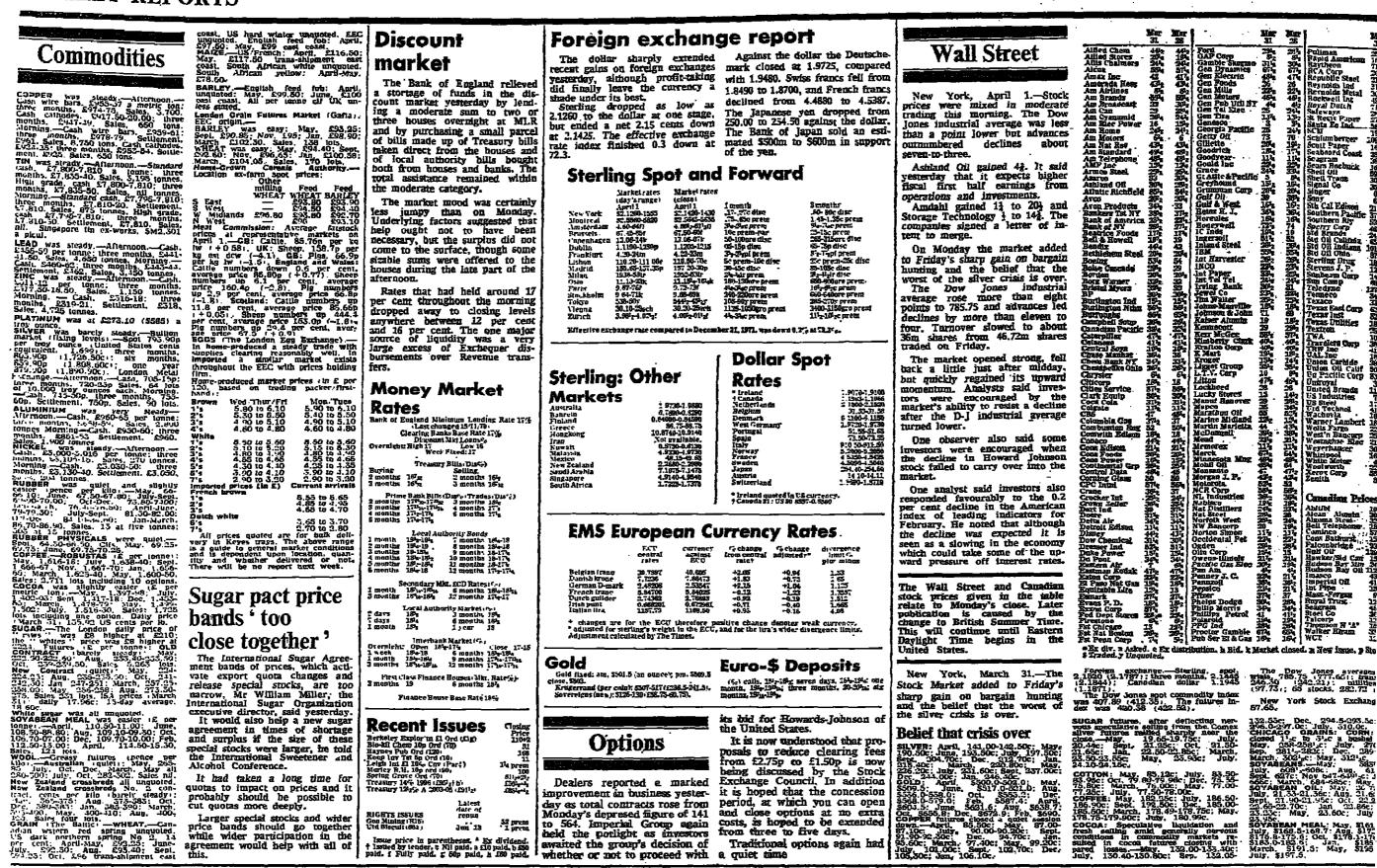
The outlook

The record of the past five years is one of economic ups and downs with successes intermingled with setbacks. No doubt the future will continue to be as challenging and for some time to come we must go on living with uncertainty.

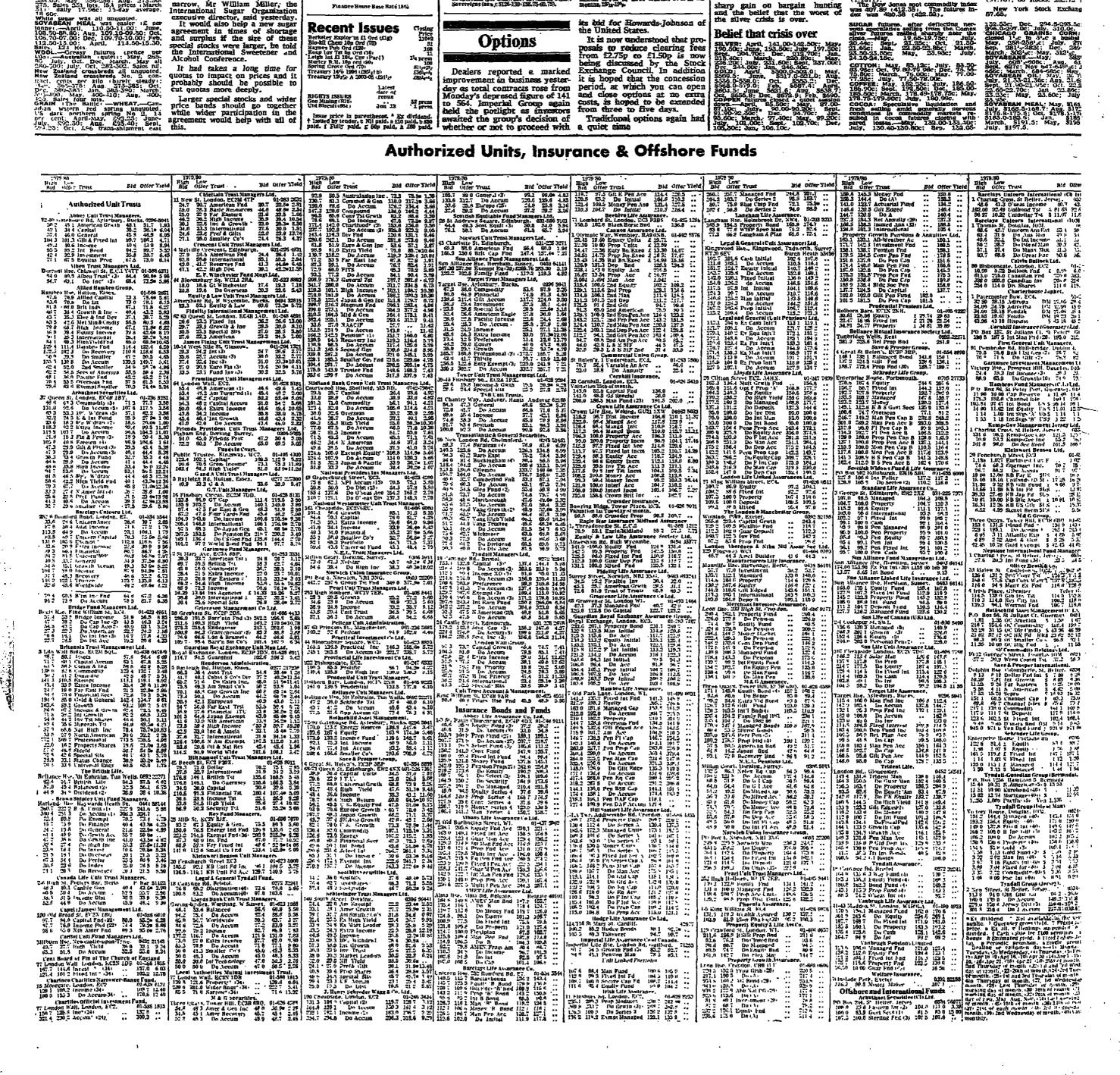
The achievements of the past five years, the growth we have secured and the foundations we have laid, encourage me in the conviction that we are well placed in resources of manpower, money and organisation, to meet all the challenges the future has

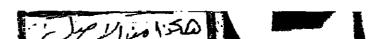


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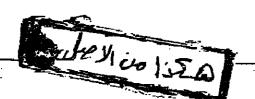
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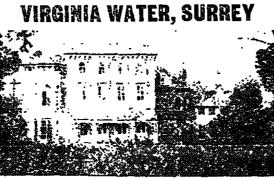
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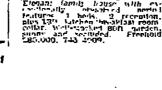
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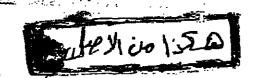
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Also in Suffolk, but very much in the traditional farm-Lavenham. The building is partly moated and believed to date from the sixteenth century.

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Webbs Farm, at Milden, Suffolk, partially moated and probably on the site of an earlier house.

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ary of brick and flint with a dovecote. The price is £90,000 and the agents are Sworders, of Sudbury.

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acres. A large garage block commodation is provided by has a studio about 26ft 6in Eastney Farm House at long above it and—subject to Northney, North Hayling planning permission—could Island in Hampshire. It is reputed to have its origins in the fifteenth century and Another picturesque out- main accommodation inbuilding is a thatched gran- cludes two reception rooms and four bedrooms.

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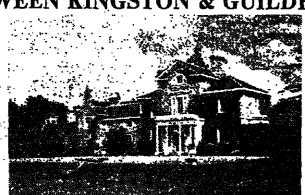


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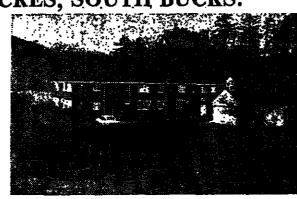
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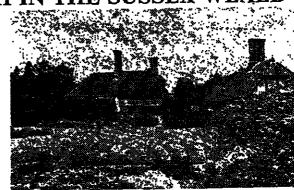


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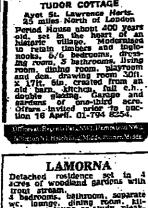
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Southern Television's new serial Noah's Castle (ITV, 4.45). Left to right: Simon Gipps-Kent, Annette Ekblom, Jean Rimmer, Louise Olley, David Neal and Marcus Francis.

Success stories are ten a penny. Not so tales of failure, except when they are industrial in nature and then they become national disasters. Arena (BBC 2, 7.50) has opted for personal rather than spectrum to a lady who has 39 times failed ber driving test; the Norwegian singer who scored zero at a Eurovision song contest; and the hapless Commander Bill Boakes who has lost 21 deposits in parliamentary elections. The twin presenters of the programme seem to possess the right qualifications: David McGillivray, though commissioned to write a book about failure, failed to do so, and Stephen Piles was suspended from the Not Terribly Good Club of Great Britain because his book Heroic Failures became a bestseller. Additional irony lies in the fact that it was he who founded

• What Orwell did for grown-ups—scare the living daylights out of them with his view of the future, 1984—John Rowe Townsend did for youngsters in his book Noah's Castle. It has now been adapted by Mick McCarthy as a seven-part serial (ITV, 4.45). Mr Townsend has conceived a nightmare world in (ITV, 4.45). Mr Townsend has conceived a nightmare world in which inflation has not so much hit the ceiling as gone through the roof: £1,500 won't buy a box of matches. A man turns the family home into a fortress and the ceilar into a vast pantry. Outside, the mobs roam, the queues of starving people lengthen, and informers prey on hoarders. As you can see, Noah's Castle is not the usual TV fare that is set before young viewers.

Tonight's Open Secret, The DBCP File (BBC 1, 9.25) is frankly alarming. It is about the pesticide which, when processed in Britain three years ago, made a group of workers sterile. It could even cause caucer, some experts claim. There are interviews with the affected workers, with Mexican farmers who still use DBCP, and with the president of a Los Angeles company that continues to manufacture it. but for export only because its use is banned throughout the United States.

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Presumably in response to thousands of requests (there cannot have been fewer than that, surely), Radio 4 is repeating Fat Man on a Bicycle (7.20) in which the generously proportioned Tom Vernon cycles through France and finds an amusing tale at practically every revolution of the wheels. . . . Hannah Gordon and Richard Pascoe read poems by the Pope in Easter Vigil (Radio 4, 7.45). . . . Roy Hudd and his merry company laugh at the news in The News Huddlines (Radio 2, 10.02 pm), and I find myself laughing with them. Quintessential radio comedy, this. ential radio comedy, this.

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BBC 1

9.55 am Ludwig story for children: 10.00 Jackanory: Maurice Denham reads Brigid Chard's Ferret Summer (r); 10.15 Chard's Ferret Summer (r); 10.15
Tarzen and the Spider People (r);
10.35 Hang on Doggy: part 3 of
this Hungarian film about a boy
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12.45 pm News and weather.
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meted science fiction story: Morpheus, the Sinister Sentinel (r);
4.40 Wildtrack: New series. Tony
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BBC 2 10.20 Gharbar: For Asian women. Items on cooking, sewing. Also, music and a story. Closedown at

10.45. 11.00 Play School : Same as BBC 1, 11.00 Flay School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 2.20 pm Racing from Ascot: Live coverage of four races, the big event being the three-mile Berni Inns Long Distance Hurdle at 3.35. The others are the 2.35, 3.05 and the 4.10. Closedown at 4.25. 4.40 Film: The Batlad of Josle (1968) Little seen, under-publicized, comedy western with Doris Day as a widow trying to introduce sheep ranching in cattle country in the last century. With Peter Graves, George Kennedy, Andy Devine.

9.30 am Australian Snakes: Short documentary about their life cycle

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9.50 Who's Afraid of Opera? Joan Sutherland uses puppets to try to win children over to Lucla di Lammermoor; 10.15 Conquest of the Sea: What happens on the Japanese seabed; 11.05 Young Ramsay: story of a canine hitchhiker (r); 11.55 The Bubbiles: Puppet story; 12.00 Cloppa's Castle: More puppet fun, this time set in medieval days; 12.10 pm Rainbow: Zippy in the countryside.

12.30. Camera: First of 13 films about the early days of photography, presented by Gus Macdonald. How Queen Victoria got interested in the art (r).

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Take the High Road: Serial about a Scottish estate. The arrival of an unexpected type of architect.

2.00 After Noon Plus: A tribute to Mantovani; readings by Ireland's leading poet Seamus Heaney; and the homeless 18-year-olds who were formerly in care of the local authorities.

THAMES

a family christening.

9.00 News: with Richard Baker.

9.25 Open Secret: The DBCP File.
Investigative report by Peter Williams of a pesticide that causes
sterility, and perhaps even cancer.
Some of it was processed in East
Anglia (see Personal Choice).

9.55 Sportsnight: Includes the 6.20 The Master Game: Twelfth game in the chess tournament. It is between Lothar Schmid, of West Germany, and Robert Byrne, of the United States. The German is now only half a point away from the

final. 6.50 Outside a City Wall: The Fourth, Fifth and Six Stations of the Cross, filmed in the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Continues Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Combines tomorrow.
7.00 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.10 The Silicon Factor: Last of three films about the micro-electronics revolution. Bernard Falk asks: What of the future? Also, an expert comments on the social effects of the silicon chip innovations. tions. 7.50 Arena: Climb Every Moun-

11.30 Closedown : John Betjeman's poem Greek Orthodox is read by Derek Jacobi (r) by Lightning: Horror spoof, inspired by the Frankenstein story: a pilot for a new series.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25

Eamoun Andrew's biographical Help I Episode three of the serial about the trouble-prone Setback family. Tonight: Tony's industrial injury, and his compensation wor-Coronation Street: The



were formerly in care of the local authorities. 2.45 'The Outsiders: Australian outdoor stories. Charlie (Andrew Keir) and the widow; 3.45 Square One: Quiz show, compered by Nick Burnbull. Celebrities take part; 4.15 The Sooty Show: Puppet fun in the last of the series. 4.45 Noah's Castle: Episode one of a serial about a family trying to survive in a Britain where inflation has gone mad. Based on the alarm-Frankie Howard, one of the has gone mad. Based on the alarming John Rowe Townsend book (see Personal Choice); 5.15 Struck (ITV. 8.00)

7.30 Coronation Street: The Barber shop quartet contest, and the election for shop steward in Mike Baldwin's factory.

8.00 Comedy Tonight: All-star cast revive the comedy sketches and songs of the past half century. Famous faces and voices include those of Frank Muir, Richard Briers, Frankle Howerd, Ian Carmichael and Beryl Reid.

9.00 East Sellers: A Man Called Intrepid. Four-part (two parts tonight) thriller about a wartime spy ring and a cipher-decoding machine. With Michael York David Niven, Gayle Hunmicutt, Flora Robson.

10.00 News. 10.30 A Man Called

10.35 Cartoon Two: The Ladder. 10.45 Newsnight: the news and current affairs programme.

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Tommy Steele: Repeat screening of this lovely encounter: a glorious advertisement for Tommy's show which is still running in the West End.

11.45 News headlines.

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10.00 News. 10.30 A Man Called Intrepid: Part 2 (continued tomorrow night).

11.15 Rirmingham International Show-Jumping Championships, 1980: First of several broadcasts from this big sporting event in which the world's 10 leading riders are compering.

12.15 am Thames Arts: Orchestras Axed: What the future holds for young musicians, with so many actual and planned cuts. Taking part is Rosalind Runcie, wife of the new Archbisohp of Canterbury; she is a piano teacher of note.

note. 12.30 Encounter at Easter: John Barton asks Dr John Rae which of the people in the Easter story he would most like to meet. Followed RADIO

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farm-6.55 Weather. ing Today, 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.45 Yesterday in Parliament. Wagner.† 8.00 News.

10.00 News. 10.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Canterbury Pilgrimage (3).† mith.+

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11.06 News.
11.05 Balser's Dozen.†
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Just a Minute.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mothes.
3.15 Play: Help Stamp Out Quick-sand, by Stephen Wyatt.
4.00 Choral Evenson.†
4.45 Story: Emily's Easter Hat.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 My Music.†
7.00 News.

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8.45 File on 4.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.30 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Life and times of the Orchestra (8).† ures. A light-hearted report by David McGillivray and Stephen Pites (see Personal Choice). 8.30 Film: Man of La Mancha 8.30 Film: Man of La Mancha (1952) Spectacular, visually ravish-ing musical about Don Quirote, with a couple of good songs and some mediocre ones. Peter O'Toole acts (but does not do all the sing-ing as) the dotty knight, Sophia Loren is a perfect Dulcinea and James Coco an acceptable Sancho

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather. vnir 6.50 am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather. 5.50 pm Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Smdy on 4: Get By In Spanish (2).

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4.20 Aspects of the Blues (8).
4.55 News.
5.00 Music for early evening.;
7.00 The Great Prayer (3).
7.30 Talk (Downes): Prokofiev's Eugene Onegin.
8.00 BBCSO/Pritchard (live from Festival Hall), pt 1: Walton (Vla Conc.—Trampler).;
8.25 Six Continents: world news.
8.45 BECSO, pt 2: Mahler (Lied von der Erde).;
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11.00 Music in Our Time: Lutyens, Musgrave, Bedford.;
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